

Secular Franciscan Order: Membership Status and Fair Share

Active: Fair Share: \$40.00

- Fulfills the daily and monthly obligations of the fraternity, including prayer and support of the fraternity.
- Actively participates with fraternity and region.
- Contributes to the common fund.

Excused: Fair Share: \$20.00

- Informs the Minister/Council that they are not able to fulfill all obligations of the fraternity due to family, health, distance or work.
- Independently continues to fulfill parts of the obligation, prayer and support of the fraternity.
- Good communication and involvement is maintained between the fraternity and the member.
- Continues to contribute to the common fund.
- Excused is for six months. If needed, can be extended for another six months with the approval of the fraternity council. Excused status must be recorded in the fraternity register with the date effective. The elderly are excused without the need for extension.

Lapsed

- Insufficient attendance at fraternity meetings.
- Lack of communication with council or other fraternity members.
- Absence without a valid reason (family, health, work, distance).
- Failure to support the common fund – unless approved by the fraternity council.

The lapse must be noted in the fraternity registers.

Voluntary Withdrawal from the Fraternity

Requires written notice to Minister/Council that the member wants to withdraw from the fraternity. The council will vote to approve the withdrawal request. Date of approval is recorded in the fraternity.

Suspension from the Fraternity

Council/Spiritual Assistant must communicate with the member concerning the suspension. A member may request to withdraw instead. The council will vote to approve the suspension or withdrawal and the date of approval is recorded in the fraternity records.