

Secular Franciscan Order

Regional Fraternity of Eastern Canada

Guidelines for Local Fraternity Elections

1. The Fraternity Council shall appoint a Nominations Chairperson 2 months prior to the Elective Chapter to obtain nominations for the offices of the Local Council.
2. It is preferable that the slate of nominees received by the Nominations Chairperson be conclusive. However, nominations from the floor are permitted and must have a mover and seconder.
3. Nominees must be **professed** and **active** members.
4. A nominee must consent to allow his/her name to stand for the given office. Nominees may be nominated for more than one office.
5. Nomination forms shall include the name and signature of the proposer, and the name and signature of the seconder.
6. All Nomination forms should be signed by the nominee and dated.
7. Nominees, when elected, may hold one Council office only. If the nominee is not elected for the original office to which they were nominated, they may be nominated to run for another office.
8. A **Regional Minister** is NOT eligible for nomination as local minister. The **Spiritual Assistant** is NOT eligible for nomination in any other position in the fraternity. The **Spiritual Assistant** is appointed by the First Order and cannot vote in **any** elective chapter.
9. The term of office is for three years. A person may be elected to serve a second term **but** to serve for a **third term in the same office** would require that the nominee obtain **two-thirds** of the votes cast on the first ballot by those present.
10. Nomination forms should be returned to Nomination Chairperson by the deadline, usually one month prior to the start of the Elective Chapter. The Chairperson in turn prepares a report of nominations for the Regional Presider who will lead the Elections.
11. At the Elective Chapter, nominations from the floor shall be accepted provided the above mentioned nomination records are submitted OR the nominations are noted in the Minutes of the Elective Chapter.

PLEASE SUBMIT EACH NOMINATION USING THE ATTACHED NOMINATION FORM