

John,

Below is my feedback on the Particular Directory.

Why is there not a Worldwide Directory? If Provincial differences are deemed necessary, an addendum could be adopted.

Preface

The changes are helpful. The bylaws of the corporation identify the Particular Directory as the statutes for the corporation but do not refer to a particular version of the Particular Directory, nor do the bylaws include language addressing interim updates to the Particular Directory. Perhaps the bylaws could be updated with the words to read, “The statutes are the Particular Directory, as ‘amended from time to time’ and adopted by the Lay Provincial Council . . .”

How would one resolve a conflict between the bylaws (or articles of incorporation) and the Particular Directory?

Do we also need to review the Particular Directory (as amended) concurrently with the bylaws and articles of incorporation to ensure that no conflict exists?

1. Names and Definitions

The definitions are helpful.

What is the difference between a Pro-fraternity and a regional or local fraternity?

Under “Lay Provincial Council,” the terms “Particular Director and statutes” are called out separately. What are the differences, if any?

“The RULE” and Declarations are called out here, but not in the bylaws Article II, Section 2, which refer to the Order of Preachers. Should we include “The RULE” and the Declarations in this Article / Section of the bylaws?

II. The Pillars of Lay Dominican Life

Noted the move of “7. Participation in the chapter’s annual retreat, day of reflection, or other days of prayer,” and 9. Chapter suffrages upon the death of a chapter member” to the Community section.

Noted the addition of “Study – Study that contributes to an individual or a fraternity apostolate, and Prayer – To make a defense . . .”

III. Membership.

Significant changes noted.

IV. Process of Admission to a Fraternity Reception and Profession.

Significant changes noted.

V. On-going Community Life within a Fraternity

Noted the change in section B to “. . . preach the Gospel;”

VI. Fraternity Structure and Government

Extensive changes noted.

No other significant changes noted.