CONSTITUTION

De La Salle Past Pupils Fraternity

De La Salle - Waterford

1. The Fraternity shall be called the De La Salle Past Pupils Fraternity. The aims of the Fraternity shall be:

    1. To stimulate friendship and co-operation among past pupils.
    2. To strengthen and continue the good relations between the schools and the Fraternity and to offer the services of the past pupils to assist the schools in any way appropriate.
    3. To encourage Catholic ethos.
    4. To continue and enhance the strong relationship with the De La Salle Community and teaching staffs.

2. Membership of the Fraternity shall be confined to:
   - Past pupils of De La Salle College, St. Declan's Primary School, Stephens Street Primary School.
   - A member of the De La Salle Community and a representative of the teaching staffs of the 3 schools.
   - Any individual who the Committee may feel should be inducted as a member from time to time.

3. The Committee shall have power to decide the categories of membership and to vary the subscriptions as required.

4. The official Fraternity year shall commence on the first day of September in each year. All subscriptions shall be payable in advance and shall be due on the 1st July in each year. Members whose subscriptions shall be in arrears after the 31st of December may have their names erased from the list of members at the discretion of the Committee.

5. The Officers of the Fraternity shall be the President, Vice President, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary Secretary and Honorary Membership Secretary.

6. The business of the Fraternity shall be conducted by a Committee consisting of:
   - The 5 officers.
   - 5 Ordinary Members.
   - A representative from each affiliated club or society accepted in accordance with Rule 22
   - Two students who have just completed their time at the schools. These two students will be co-opted by the Committee for one year at the first Committee meeting following the Annual General Meeting.

7. Five members of the Committee shall form a quorum, one of whom must be an officer.

8. The Secretary shall summon a meeting of the Committee as often as occasion shall require provided however that the Committee shall meet on at least four occasions in each year.

9. If there is a vacancy on the Committee the Committee shall have the power to co-opt a member to fill this vacancy for the remainder of that Fraternity year.

10. The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the commencement of each Fraternity year on such date and at such place as may be decided by the Committee. The notice concerning the meeting shall be issued at least 21 days before the meeting.

11. The President and Vice President shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting on the nomination of the Committee and shall hold office for one year or until their successors are appointed. Members desiring to suggest a candidate for the Vice Presidency are to send suggestions to the Committee 60 days prior to the Annual general meeting.

12. The Honorary Secretary, the Honorary Treasurer and the Honorary Membership Secretary and the ordinary members of the Committee shall be elected by the members of the Fraternity voting in person at the Annual General Meeting.
N*ote: Two of the ordinary members shall retire annually in rotation and the vacancies shall be filled as provided in Rule 11.*

13. The Officers and Committee shall at each Annual General Meeting present a report and Statement of Account. The Statement of Account will be duly audited by two members of the fraternity appointed at the previous Annual General Meeting for that purpose. The auditors shall not be members of the Committee.

14. If any member shall, in the opinion of the Committee, be guilty of conduct discreditable to the Fraternity, the Committee, after giving such member an opportunity of being heard, may at a meeting of the Committee specially convened for that purpose, by a two thirds majority of those present and voting, remove him from the membership of the Fraternity.

15. The Committee shall have power to expend the funds of the Fraternity for any purpose which they may deem beneficial to the Fraternity.

16. The Committee shall have power to make by- laws on any subject not dealt with in the foregoing rules until withdrawn or ratified at a General Meeting of the Fraternity.

17. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be summoned by a requisition of:
    1. The President of the Fraternity.
    2. A majority of the Committee of the Fraternity
    3. Twenty ordinary members of the Fraternity.

    The Extraordinary General Meeting shall be held within 30 days of receipt of the requisition to hold the meeting. The notice convening the meeting shall be issued at least 21 days before the meeting and shall specify the business which is to be laid before the meeting.

18. In the absence of the President or Vice President at any General Meeting or Ordinary Meeting of the Committee, the members present shall elect their own Chairman, and the Chairman at any meeting shall have, if necessary, a casting vote.

19. A change of rules will require a two thirds majority of those present and voting at a General Meeting determined either by a show of hands or a secret ballot as decided by the Members.

20. The Committee shall arrange for the celebration of a Mass annually in the Chapel at De La Salle for all past students, living and dead.

21. At the first meeting of the newly elected Committee which shall take place as soon as possible after the Annual General Meeting the programme for the year shall be drawn up.

22. The Committee of the Fraternity shall have power to affiliate all clubs and societies bearing the name of De La Salle. The Committee are authorised to accept as a member of the Committee one representative from each such affiliated club or society such representative already being a member of the Fraternity and shall serve for no longer than 2 years.

23. In the event of the Fraternity being disbanded for any reason, any remaining assets and funds of the Fraternity shall be forwarded to the Board of Management of the college for the use and benefit of De La Salle College Waterford for the educational benefit of the College only

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