



Characteristics of an Effective Grand Knight

There are many traits that Grand Knights can possess that make them effective leaders. The Literature is filled with examples of leadership qualities that will help organizations function smoothly and efficiently. Those listed and the actions that describe them are essential and will lead to exemplary councils.

ORGANIZATION

- Appoints directors promptly, explains their responsibilities and elicits their commitment.
- Ensures that forms are submitted on time.
- Ensures that per capita taxes and other bills are paid on time.
- Follows the order of business at council meetings and uses proper protocol.
- Reads correspondence before council meetings and is prepared to share the information learned by reading them.
- Attends state, diocesan and district meetings and shares the information with his council.
- Uses the calendar and organization tools supplied by Supreme.
- Develops a calendar of activities in cooperation with officers and directors at the beginning of the fraternal year.
- Develops an annual budget with input from officers and directors based on planned activities.

COMMUNICATION

- Makes an effort to know and recognize members at council meetings and other events.
- Ensures that a council newsletter is regularly published.
- Meets regularly with the Deputy Grand Knight, Program Director and Financial Secretary to review finances and upcoming programs.
- Attends council and parish activities as the “face” of the council.
- Periodically meets with council Chaplain to discuss the “health” of the council.
- Articulates council needs and solicits member cooperation to address them.
- Recognizes Knights and Families of the Months and other volunteers for their service.

COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

- Possesses a vision of where the council should be at the end of the fraternal year.
- Sets goals and shares them with members.
- Works with directors and chairpersons to hold quality programs.
- Regularly works with the membership director to achieve membership quotas.
- Regularly discusses progress on insurance benefit seminars with the council field agent.
- Conducts business meetings in an efficient manner.
- Works to attain the Star Council Award



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PROBLEM SOLVER

- Open to suggestions and criticism and addresses them respectfully.
- Works with the program director and chairpersons to address problems that arise in planning activities.
- Makes practical suggestions when presented with problems and challenges.
- Remains calm and has patience with those who may have difficulty understanding decisions.
- Thinks analytically about solutions and presents ideas while considering other suggestions.
- Demonstrates flexibility in considering the suggestions of others.
- Embraces suggestions for new programs and respectfully discusses their feasibility.

ENTHUSIASTIC

- Embraces the roles and responsibilities of the Grand Knight.
- Displays humor appropriately.
- Enjoys interacting with members and the public.
- Displays confidence in making decisions and presenting the reasons for them.