



Maryland State Council Leadership 2020

Grand Knight Expectations



Who are the Knights?



The founding of the Knights of Columbus was a means rather than an end; a means to strengthen husbands and fathers so that they could, in turn, strengthen their families in Faith and secure their material well-being

How does your Council's focus & plan align?

Membership impact?

Charitable actions?

Family care?

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Maryland State Council Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Expectations



1. Recruit New Members (One Member, per Council, per Month)
2. Conduct, at Least One, Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Quarterly
3. Earn Silver Knight Award
4. Attend Grand Knight Leadership Seminar, July 26 – 28 2020
5. Attend State Mid-term Meeting with Deputy Grand Knight
(January 2021 Columbus Gardens Baltimore MD)
6. Attend State Program Seminars and Council Officer Training
Encourage Program Chairs and other Officers to Attend
7. Attend Chapter Meetings with Council Officers
8. Attend All District Meetings as scheduled by your District Deputy
9. Attend All Council Business Meetings & Preside over them (at least one a month)
10. As Grand Knight you are part of the State Family and should attend State Events when invited
11. Promptly and Timely submit Event reservation forms
12. Attend all Council events and District events when possible
13. Meet with Council Chaplain(s) Regularly
14. Ensure Council Communication with Widows (see State Directory, Family Activities, Widows Program Chairman)
15. Ensure Completion and Submission of Supreme and State Councils Forms/Reports, on Time
16. When Applicable, Ensure Round Table forms are completed on Time
17. Ensure prompt payment of all Council Financial Obligations
18. Ensure Completion and Submission of State Council Program Reports on Time September, December and March

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That's a Long List!



Grand Knight Role



- Lead Council to growth in Catholicism
- Accept training opportunities
- Team and delegate with Council Officers
- Plan early for all deadlines



Catholic Focus



- Service to Pastor and parish
 - Meet with Pastor(s) regularly
 - Council support to the parish
 - Chaplain and Lector programs
- Invite every Catholic man to Knighthood
 - Public Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity
 - Earn Silver Knight Award
 - Mentor Brother Knights to Shining Armor
- Develop Catholic family programs
 - Widows Program
 - Youth activities
 - Family events



Training Opportunities

You are NOT alone



- Training continuum
 - Leadership Seminar
 - Program and Membership Seminar
 - Chapter meetings
 - Quarterly District meetings
- Help is on call
 - District Deputy
 - Membership Director and Regional Advisor
 - Program teams
 - State Officers



Council Teaming



- Invite Council Officers to actively participate
 - One-on-one connection
 - Find a good fit for member's interests & skills
 - Assign, step back, follow-up
- Connect with every Council member
 - Social events
 - Phone calls
 - Needs and feedback
- Try something new



Council Team Approach



- Team with Council Leaders
 - Set goals for success – Communicate with Council members
 - Develop and execute a Council plan
 - Membership – Invite every Catholic man
 - Insurance – Fr. McGivney's charge to care for families
 - Programs – Knights in fraternal action serve & inspire
 - Assess/update plan throughout the fraternal year
 - Copies of plans and reports to DD – stay ahead of deadlines



*If you fail to plan,
you are planning to fail.*
Benjamin Franklin





Additional Thoughts



- Statewide events – *you're more than welcome!*
- Council business meetings are opportunities
 - No one joins to attend meetings – make it worth their time
 - Churn through issues at monthly Officers' meeting
 - Challenge Lector to excel & make time for him to do so
- Listen with open mind (not always easy)



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