



2022 Leadership Seminar

The Role of the Chaplain

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Personal Introduction

- **Native of Baltimore**
- **Member of the Conventual Franciscan Friars**
- **Ministry is at Archbishop Curley H.S. in Baltimore**
- **Member of the Knights since 1991; now a member of Council 2521**
- **Have served in various chaplain roles, including state chaplain 2008-2014**



Information on the Role of the Chaplain

- www.KofC.org and go to “For Members”:
- **under Fraternal Operations, go to Fraternal Leader Resources:**
 - Chaplain’s Handbook
 - Working with Your Pastor
- **Under Member Resources, bottom of the homepage, Chaplains:**
 - Chaplain’s Handbook
 - Vocations Handbook
 - Archive of the monthly Chaplain’s Report



How the Order sees the Council Chaplain

- **The Chaplain is to be “Fr. McGivney” for the Council.**
- **The Grand Knight along with Deputy Grand Knight and Trustees ask a priest to serve as chaplain.**
 - “Is there a need to request the chaplain’s appointment from the (Arch)Bishop?”
- **Ideally the chaplain gets to the officers’ and regular meetings, to wakes and to special council events—particularly installation and memorial Masses.**
- **Serves as a reference for the Admissions Committee.**
- **Serves on the Vocations Committee.**
- **He is to be a source of instruction and inspiration, and one who can give sound advice on faith questions.**
- **Provides a “Chaplain’s Message” for the council bulletin.**



Associate and Assistant Chaplains

- **The Order states only a priest may be the council chaplain.**
- **Another priest who helps is an associate council chaplain.**
- **A deacon who helps is an assistant to the chaplain.**
- **Suggestion: if possible, have at least one associate and/or assistant!**



"Encouraging" the Chaplain's Attendance

- **There is a time at the Council meeting for the chaplain's message, but it can be placed anywhere in the meeting.**
- **If not a regular attendee, invite the chaplain for special events, or periodically request he attend and speak on a particular topic (e.g. on the liturgical season, or on a Church teaching, and it's ok to suggest a time limit).**
- **A priest who is not a member of the Knights of Columbus can attend a meeting.**



Chaplain's Message in the Newsletter

- **Hopefully the chaplain supplies a message.**
- **If not, some possible options:**
 - Use whole or part from the Supreme Chaplain's message in *Columbia*.
 - Use whole or part of the State Chaplain's message for the month.



Order's Faith Programs

- **The State Deputy's theme, "Cry the Gospel with your life," certainly invites all of us to grow in faith.**
- **Great resource for individual members and for council programs via www.kofc.org**
- **Many are videos that can be shown and, if desired, then discussed.**
- **Many of these resources are really inspirational!**



Memorial Masses

- **November is a busy time of Memorial Masses.**
- **Some creative ways for Masses:**
 - Have with another council, or with the assembly, or with the district. A better attended Mass is surely a tribute to the deceased.
 - Arrange for a Sunday Mass intention to be for the deceased of the council, and attend that Mass as a group.



Miscellaneous Points

- Many priests are stretched today, so please be patient.
- If a priest/deacon goes to another (arch)diocese he needs a letter of good standing from his home (arch)diocese/religious community. The state of Maryland includes the Archdiocese of Baltimore, all of the Archdiocese of Washington except the District, a large piece of the Diocese of Wilmington.
- Feel free to reach out to me: frdonaldg@gmail.com

