

# MARYLAND STATE COUNCIL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

2023

## Grand Knight Expectations





## WHO ARE THE KNIGHTS?



### Father McGivney's vision

- Organization of local councils of members who:
  - Seek to strengthen their faith,
  - Serve the needs of others, and to
  - Protect their families through our insurance program

*Cry the Gospel with Your Life!*



# GRAND KNIGHT ROLE

- Lead Council to growth in Catholicism
- Attend training opportunities
- Set goals, Evaluate performance, Plan early for all deadlines
- Team and delegate with Council Officers
- Communicate regularly with Council members



# CATHOLIC FOCUS

- Service to Pastor, parish, and community
  - Meet with Pastor(s) regularly
  - Council support to the parish
  - Chaplain and Lector programs
  - Be the “Go to charitable organization” in your parish & community
  
- Develop Catholic family programs
  - Widows Program
  - Youth activities
  - Family events



# CATHOLIC FOCUS

- Invite every Catholic man to Knighthood
  - Public Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity
  - Earn Silver Knight Award
  - Mentor Brother Knights to Shining Armor
  - Offer frequent First Degrees
  - Generate an atmosphere where members are welcomed and valued

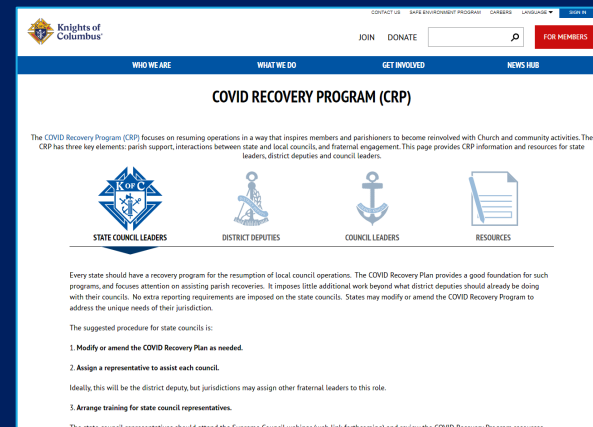


# COVID RECOVERY PROGRAM

- A Calling and an Opportunity
  - Knights should lead and support parish and community recovery
  - Use pandemic lessons to emerge stronger and more effective
  - Embrace tech and virtual engagement in a post pandemic world
- Council actions
  - Meet with Pastor
  - Meet with DD to complete Council Assessment & Develop recovery plan
  - Engage Council Members in Fraternal Activities & Events



COVID Recovery Program

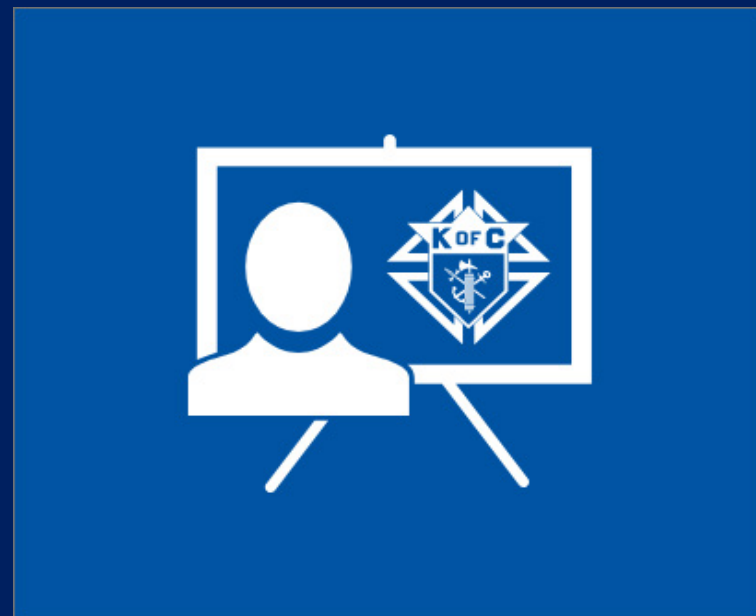




# TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

## *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
  - Regional Advisor
  - Program teams
  - State Officers





# COUNCIL TEAMING

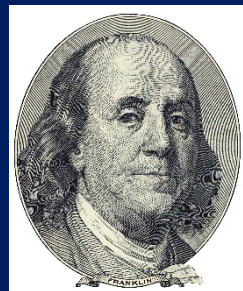
- Invite Council Officers to actively participate
  - One-on-one connection
  - Find a good fit for member's interests & skills
  - Assign, step back, follow-up
- Connect with every Council member
  - Social events
  - Phone calls
  - Needs and feedback
- Try something new





# 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*



# SMART GOAL SETTING

# S

Specific

A precise or specific goal.  
**WHAT**, exactly, in detail, needs to be achieved?

# M

Measurable

Quantifiable and can be measured.  
**HOW** you will know success!

# A

Achievable

Is this a worthwhile goal that can be achieved by our council?

# R

Realistic

Makes sense. Are sufficient resources available? What's the outcome that is expected?

# T

Timely

A specific time period. Break it into small steps. Check the progress along the way



*S.M.A.R.T. Fraternal Planning*



# SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS

- Continued use of hybrid meetings is welcomed
- 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)



# ALL SHOULD BE USING NEW FORMAT (DEDICATED PRESENTATION LATER)

## Officers's Meeting

Opening Prayer  
Grand Knight's Report  
Issues  
Correspondence / Schedule  
Agenda for Council Meeting  
Unfinished business  
New business  
Officers' Reports  
Membership Report  
Program Reports  
Good of the Order  
Closing Prayer

## OLD AGENDA

Warden's Report on Membership Card  
Opening Prayer  
Pledge of Allegiance to Flag  
Roll Call of Officers  
Opening Ode  
Chaplain's Message  
Report of Grand Knight  
Report of Previous Meeting  
Reading of Letters  
Reading of Bills and Resolutions  
Financial Secretary's Report  
Report of Auditors and Treasurers  
Chancellor's Report  
Report of Committees  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Insurance Agent's Report  
District Deputy's Report  
Good of the Order  
Chaplain's Summation  
Closing Prayer  
Closing Ode

## Council Meeting

Opening Prayer/Pledge  
**Approval** of Minutes  
Chaplain's Message  
Grand Knight's Report  
**Financial Report**  
Membership Report/Balloting  
Other Reports, as needed  
Programs  
Committees  
Fourth Degree  
Insurance Agent  
District Deputy  
Unfinished Business  
New Business  
Good of the Order / Awards  
Lecturer's Reflection  
**Grand Knight's Summary**  
Closing Prayer

Detailed prep leads to a  
Professional, Interesting &  
Enjoyable Council Meeting

*Content Remains - Split to Two Forums*



# COUNCIL INSTALLATION

- One of few public ceremonies for the Council
  - Emphasis is on Council Officers and their families
  - Sets the tone for the fraternal year
  - Requires preparation
- Preparation
  - Review script
  - Schedule with Pastor
  - Invitations to State Deputy & GKs
    - Fraternal Benefits Advisor
    - Faithful Navigator
    - Chapter President
    - Others as desired
  - Reception coordinator for catering, set-up, etc.
  - Order PGK materials
  - Select Ladies' gifts

State Rep Request  
Christopher Powers  
State Deputy  
21885 Fairway Drive  
Leonardtown, MD 20650

Date  
District Number  
Council Number  
Council Name  
GK elect name  
Time of event  
Mass yes or no  
Dress code  
Dinner yes or no  
Location



# COUNCIL INSTALLATION

- Installation Mass
  - Flowers or ribbons for the Officers and their Ladies?
  - Who is bringing up the Gifts?
  - Who will be doing the readings?
  - Additional ministries
    - Usher
    - Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
    - Altar servers (Squires and/or Council families)
    - Color Corps participation



# COUNCIL INSTALLATION

- Require rehearsal
  - Provide names/pronunciation
  - Schedule stand-ins as needed
  
- Transitions
  - Ladies Auxiliary
  - Master of Ceremonies
  - Move to reception



# WAKE CARE FOR THE FAMILIES OF FALLEN BROTHER KNIGHTS

- Determine family wishes
- Notify council & district
- Schedule members to lead Rosary
- Prepare Resolution of Condolences
- Follow-up regularly with widow

*Knights of Columbus*

*Resolution of Condolence*

*Council Number*

*In memory of Brother*

*Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst our beloved Brother, who departed this life*  
*, 20 and*

*Whereas, by his death, our Council has sustained the loss of an exemplary Catholic gentleman and worthy Knight of Columbus; therefore, be it*

*Resolved, that our departed Brother be remembered daily in a special Mass offered for the repose of the souls of all deceased Brother Knights at St. Mary's Church, the birthplace of the Order, in New Haven, Connecticut; be it further*

*Resolved, that while we bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, we mourn the loss of our Brother who has been taken from us, and be it further*


*Resolved, that this testimonial of condolence, duly signed and sealed, be offered to the family of our departed Brother Knight as an expression of our heartfelt sympathy.*

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*Council*







## ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS

- Statewide events – *you're more than welcome!*
- You have support available at all levels
- Stay upbeat – KofC is a great Catholic life!

STAY POSITIVE  
*and*  
*Work Hard.*  
MAKE IT  
..... ♦ .....  
HAPPEN



# *Questions?*