



Grand Knight Expectations

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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
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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
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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
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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
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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



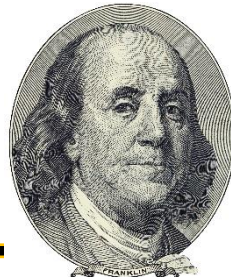


Council Teaming

- 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
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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

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Specific

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

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Measurable

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

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Achievable

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

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Realistic

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

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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)
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Meetings

- **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
- **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***



Additional Thoughts

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

Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” – Francis of Assisi

MD State Council
125 Years of Service



*Make a Difference in
Someone's Life*

Questions?
