Council Officer Responsibilities and Duties

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Each local council elects twelve officers and appoints others to oversee the business of the council, to promote growth of the Order, as well as insuring valuable and effective programming is being conducted within the church and the community.

Along with the elected and appointed officers, the council appoints several directors and chairman to conduct activities of the council and recruit new members.



Elected

Council Officers

Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight

Chancellor

Recorder

Treasurer

Advocate

Warden

Inside Guard

Outside Guard

Trustees (3)



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R1 Rod, 9/30/2008

R2 Rod, 9/30/2008

Grand Knight

Appointed

Council Officers

Chaplain

Financial Secretary

Lecturer



R3 Rod, 9/30/2008

- The council leadership works together as a team to develop lasting friendships and ensure harmony exists among all the members.
- Communications and information is shared with all the members on a timely basis.
- The officers must project a positive attitude at all times, remembering that our goal is to serve the Church, the community and our families in the Spirit of Christ.



Appointed by Grand Knight under the guidelines of local diocese.

Chaplain • Serves as the spiritual leader for the council

Chaplain

- Supervise the councils religious activities
- Provides spiritual comfort in difficult times

Chaplain

Work and supervise the development of spiritual programs for the members



Grand Knight

- Elected annually by the members
- Responsible for overall welfare of the council

Grand Knight

- Provides thoughtful and inspiring leadership
- Presides over all council meetings

Grand Knight

- Ex-officio member of all committees
- Appoints membership and program personnel



Grand Knight

- Appoints special committees as needed
- Convenes monthly officer meetings

Grand Knight

- Oversees exemplification of first degree
- Insures that all reports are submitted on time

Grand Knight

- Appoints and oversees admission committee
- Interacts with Financial Secretary and Treasurer to insure all financial obligations are met



Grand Knight

- Countersigns all orders and checks
- Reads all vouchers from the Treasurer

Grand Knight

- Member of the advisory board of Squires Circle
- Recommends a chaplain and appoints Lecturer

Grand Knight

- Perform all duties the Order imposes upon him
- Membership growth and activities are a priority



Grand Knight's Guidelines for Council Officer's Meetings

- 1. Call to order by grand knight.
- Prayer by grand knight. (Council chaplain, if present.)
- Review correspondence and discuss disposition to be recommended to council.
- Review schedule with officers, directors and chairmen.
- 5. Call for report of officers.
- Call for report of membership and program directors. Assess membership recruitment, retention and insurance promotion performance toward goals and awards.
 Evaluate council sponsored activities and member involvement. Discuss future actions.
- Call for report of financial obligations of council and remarks of council treasurer.
- Review financial secretary billing to membership.

1st billing — 15 days prior to billing period. 2nd notice — 30 days later.

(At the end of the first month in which the member has failed to pay his dues, a "Knight Alen" letter [Form #KA-1] is sent to the deliquent member, signed by the grand knight and trustees. The financial secretary must also provide the grand knight with the names, addresses and telephone numbers of the delinquent members. The grand knight shall assign a member of the retention committee to telephone each member to remind him that his dues have yet to be paid. The committee member will provide a written report to the grand knight of his findings.)

Notice of Intent to Suspend (Form #1845)

— End of the second month, if not paid.

Personal contact by retention committee at beginning of third month, if not paid.

(Note: Grand knight responsible for financial secretary earrying out billing duties.)

- Grand knight refers delinquent members to retention committee following financial secretary's personal contact if financial secretary is unsuccessful in collecting dues.
- Call for retention committee report of previous assignments.
- Review reports from admission committee and applications to be processed.
- 12. Review supplies on hand and coordinate ordering from Supreme Council Supply Department (All orders to be charged to the council's account at the Supreme Council office must bear the signature of the grand lenight or the financial secretary.)
- 13. Good of the Order.
- 14. Closing prayer. (Chaplain or grand knight.)



Ceremonials

- Coordinates installation of council officers with district deputy.
- Schedules and publicizes frequent First Degrees.
- Confers with district deputy for Second and Third Degrees.
- Arranges Mass for departed brothers.
- Awards certificates, cards and pins during "Honorary Membership" and "Honorary Life Membership" ceremonials.
- Maintains proper conduct of ceremonials at regular meetings.

Duties

- Appoints a council chaplain. The grand knight confers with the deputy grand knight and trustees and submits a recommendation to the Ordinary of the Diocese for appointment of a priest or bishop as a council chaplain.
 Appointment shall be made in accordance with any rules established by the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Council is located.
- Appoints a membership director to organize and implement the council's recruitment, retention and insurance promotion action plans. (Membership director confers with the grand knight for selection of committee chairmen.)
- Appoints Service Program directors. (Program director confers with grand knight for selection of Church, community, council, culture of life, family and youth activity directors.)
- Appoints standing committees.
 (i.e. building, house, by-laws etc.)
- Schedules and presides at council officers' meetings. (Officers' meetings should be held at least once a month.)
- Regularly monitors the council's performance toward achieving its membership, insurance and Service Program goals and awards
- Appoints admission committee and makes sure it functions properly.

- Recognizes honorary and honorary life members. (Awards appropriate certificates, special cards and lapel pins. Refer to "Supply Catalog" #1264 for complete listing.)
- Recognizes past grand knights, "Knight of the Year," community leaders, etc. (Awards appropriate certificates. Refer to "Certificates" flyer #2640 or "Supply Catalog" #1264.)
- Conducts audit with trustees in January and July.
- Ensures forms, i.e., election of officers, appointments, awards, Fraternal Survey, etc., are completed by appropriate council officials and forwarded to the Supreme Council.
- Organizes and/or supervises First Degree team. Schedules and announces degree dates.
- Arranges for council representation at wakes and memorial services for deceased brothers.
- Arranges for "Resolution of Condolence" (#1450) for family of deceased. (Certificate available from Supply Department.)
- Oversees preparation of annual reports from all officers and standing committees for council files and incoming officers.
- Acquaints himself with "Robert's Rules of Order" or obtains booldet, "How to Conduct a Meeting — Parliamentary Procedure" (#483) from Supply Department.
- Starts all council meetings on time.

NOTE: All exemonials are to be followed strictly as prescribed. Each subordinate council shall hold at least two regular monthly meetings, not less than one of which shall be designated as a regular business meeting. For additional information, refer to "Grand Knights Handbook" (#818); the "Charter, Constitution and Laws" (#30); or write to the Director of Ceronomials at the Knights of Columbus, 1 Columbus Plaza, New Haven, CT 68110-3228.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS The Method of Conducting a Council Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS I. CALL TO OEDER.

(Grand knight stands at all times while presiding.)



Grand Knight — (One rap of gavel) — Brothers, we are about to open this council in the first section. All persors not having, received the honors of membership in the first section shall please rather from the chamber. The doors shall now be closed and the guards assume their positions, (In their absence, the grand knight shall appoint guards pro-tom.)

2. Warden's Report on Membership Card.

Grand Knight — Worthy Warden, do you vouch that all present are in possession of the current membership card' (Warden salutes and proceeds to Inspect membership cards.)

Warden — Worthy Grand Knight (salutes). I vouch that all present are in possession of the current membership card (Salutes grand knight and deputy grand knight.)

3. Prayer

Grand Knight — Brothers, let us invoke the Divine blessing by repeating aloud the Lord's Braver



(Four raps. Chapinin or grand knight so prays.)

 Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag or some other suitable patriotic display of loyalty.



(Three raps. One rap at conclusion.)

5. Roll Call of Officers.

Grand Knight — The Recorder will call the roll of officers



(Two raps. The recorder calls the roll of all officers. The warden answers in his place for all officers called. As each officer is declared present, he is seated. In the absence of chair officers, the grand knight shall forthwith appoint officers pro-ten.)

*8. Opening Ode.

Grand Knight — Brothers, we shall now sing the opening ode.



(Three raps. At conclusion, one rap.)

**7. Chaptain's Message

(This is an opportunity for the Chaplain to educate council mombers about an element. of the futth, to offer spiritual reflection, or to give another appropriate intervention.)

8. Approval of Minutes of Provious Meeting

Are there any corrections to the minutes?
... They are approved as read.

- Report of Admission Committee and Reading of Applications.
- Balloting for Membership. (New members, readmissions, reapplications, transfers.)
- *II. Initiations.
- 12. Grand Knight's Report.
- *13. Treasurer's Report.
- *14. Reading by Grand Knight of Receipts of Treasurer to Financial Secretary and Treasurer's Voucher of Deposit.
- *15. Reading of Bills and Communications.
- Financial Secretary's Report of Receipts of Meeting.

- *17. Report of Anditors and Trustees.
- *18. Chancellor's Report on Vocations.

*19. Report of Service Program Committees. (Grand knight calls on membership and program directors who introduce their committee directors for their reports.)

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Program Director	
Church Drector	
Community Director	

Culture of Life Director

Family Criticals

Marriardio Director

Youth Director

- 20. Report of Round Table Chairman.
- 21. Report of Standing Committees.
- 22. Unfinished Business.
- *23. New Business.

(When elections are in order, this is the first item under "New Business.")

- 24. Report of the Fourth Degree.
- 25. Field Agent's Report.
- 26. District Deputy's Report.
- *27. Good of the Order.

Grand Knight — Believ prosseding to the "Good of the Order," let me ask: Does any brother present know of a member of this council, or an unassisted brother of the Order, sick or in distress?



(Any such are reported. Four raps. Chaptain or grand knight leads prayer for sick or distressed. One rap.)

Grand Knight — The 'Good of the Order'
will now be conducted by the Worthy
Lecturer, I trust to the enjoyment,
instruction and edification of all present.
(The lecturer then presides, but the
grand knight may terminate this order
of business at his pleasure.)

28. Closing Prayer.

Grand Knight — Brothers, we shall now close this meeting. Lot us kneed and pray that we may ever be united in charity, that God may bless our work, aid us to keep our pledges for His greater giory, and that He may grant elemal peace to the souls of our departed brothers.



(Four raps. Chaplain or grand knight so prays. One rap at conclusion.)

*29. Closing Ode.

Grand Knight — We shall now sing the



(Three raps. At conclusion, one rap. At the end thereof) I now declare this meeting adjourned.

*Their of the order of business marked with an autorisk may be omitted at regular meetings often than regular hauthour meetings. At regular hauterous meetings, minutes of all meetings to and including the look regular business meeting shall be rood. Officers' previous should be were as all meetings.

#*'Or of any time he so designs' addition U.S. (13).



Deputy Grand Knight

- Elected annually by the members
- Assist the Grand Knight in his duties

Deputy Grand Knight Presides over council meetings in the absence of the Grand Knight

Deputy Grand Knight Member of advisory board of Council Squires





Presides over Member Retention Committee



Training position for Council Grand Knight



May serve as Council Program Director



Chancellor

Elected annually by council members

Chancellor

 Assist the Grand Knight and the Deputy Grand Knight in their duties. Third in line of progression

Chancellor

- Encourages members to take an active role in the activities of the council
- Chairman of the welcoming committee



Chancellor

- Presides over the Admissions committee
- Works with the council vocations director

Chancellor

 Reminds members of fraternal responsibilities, such as visit the sick and members in distress

Chancellor

Member of the Squires Circle Ceremonials Team



Recorder

Elected annually by council members.

Recorder

 Keeps accurate minutes of all meetings and reads minutes from previous meetings.

Recorder

 Responsible for an accurate account of the council's activities; reports, discussions, motions as well as any decrees.



Financial Secretary Appointed by Supreme Knight for 3 year term

Financial Secretary • Can be reappointed upon favorable performance

Financial Secretary Reports to the Grand Knight



Financial Secretary Reports all membership transactions to Supreme

Financial Secretary Keep record of all members in the council

Financial Secretary Collects fees, dues and all other funds of the council. Transfers all money to Treasurer.



Financial Secretary

- Prepares vouchers for all council obligations
- Maintains certain records of council finances

Financial Secretary

- Submits supply and material orders
- Monitors timely filing of all council reports and forms.

Financial Secretary

- · Keeps all member and financial records secure
- Assists the audit committee with the council audit



Treasurer

- Elected annually by council members
- Pays all council approved bills and expenses

Treasurer

Reports financial status of council at each meeting



 Deposits all money from the financial secretary in a council approved bank and returns receipts of deposit to the Grand Knight



Treasurer

Maintains record of council bank account

Treasurer

 Assist financial secretary and trustees in conducting the semiannual council audit

Treasurer

Causes all monies in his possession to be secure



Proper Flow of Money Received



6. Treasurer deposits cash



2. FS turns monies over to Treasurer

5. Treasurer retains receipt copy

3. Treasurer fills out receipt

4. FS retains signed receipt



Proper payment of bills



6.Voucher signed by FS & GK

7. Voucher given to Treasurer

2. Trustees review Bills

5. FS prepares voucher

8. Treasurer writes check

3. Council reads bills @ meeting

4. Payment voted on by council





Advocate

Elected annually by council members

Advocate

Legal representative of the council

Advocate

Interprets Knights of Columbus regulations



Advocate

 Be familiar with the Order's Charter Constitution and By-Laws.

Advocate

Keeps current and administers council by-laws

Advocate

 Well versed on conducting a meeting and the use of Robert's Rules of Order



Warden

Elected annually be council members.

Warden

- · Prepares room for all meetings.
- Prepares and sets up indispensable objects

Warden

Instructs and oversees the Inside/Outside Guards



Warden

Insure the security of all degree paraphernalia

Warden

Responsible for and maintains all council property.

Warden

 Insures that at business meetings all members are in possession of a current membership card



▼ Guards

- Elected annually by council members
- Both work with the Warden in their duties

Guards

· Guards stationed at entrance to the meeting room

Guards

 Verify the validity of membership cards upon entering a business meeting or a degree ceremony



Lecturer

Appointed by the Grand Knight.

Lecturer

 Provides inspirational programs and entertainment for the pleasure of the members at council meetings

Lecturer

 Utilizes appropriate films and has guest lecturers attend for the purpose of making presentations



Board of Trustees

 Consists of Grand Knight and three members elected annually by council members.

Board of Trustees

 Audit records maintained by financial secretary and treasurer to insure accountability and safety of all council funds. Report findings semiannually

Board of Trustees

Responsible for the financial health and condition of the council



Board of Trustees

 Develops plans to insure adequate income for the council to operate and contribute to charity.

Board of Trustees

Monitors and reviews all council expenditures

Board of Trustees

 Serve on retention committee under the direction of the Deputy Grand Knight



Council Directors Responsibilities

Along with elected and appointed officers the Grand Knight appoints several directors and chairman to conduct the programs and activities of the council as well as to insure continuous membership growth.

Interesting and effective programming will create a high level of pride in the council and will enhance the ability to attract more interest in our Order from men and their families.

Grand Knight

Program Director

Membership Director

Church Director

Recruitment Committee

Community Director

Retention Committee

Council Director

Insurance Promotion Committee

Family Director

Youth Director

Culture of Life



Council Directors Responsibilities

Program Director Has overall responsibility for the planning, supervision and successful completion of all council programming activities.

Program Director

 Insures a balanced and effective program of events that have the interest of all members.

Program Director

 Motivates others and reflects a positive attitude for all members especially those working on activities.



Council Directors Responsibilities

Each local council appoints six directors to work with the council program director. Each is assigned to one of the program categories promoted in "Surge, With Service" programming material; Church, Community, Council, Family, Youth and Pro-Life.

Each director may have several committees and special projects chairmen working with him to conduct additional activities.

Council Directors Responsibilities

Church Director Responsible for conducting religious and spiritual activities of the council. Plans spiritual retreats, religious education and prayer services.

Community Director

 Develops, plans and conducts activities related to community needs. Examples: activities in support of the mentally handicapped, highway clean-up and other community needs.

Council Director

 Plans, oversees and conducts council activities. Plans activities for the fraternal enjoyment of the membership, as well as works with the officers and directors to coordinate effective council activities



Council Directors Responsibilities

Family Director

• Supervises council family activities and insures that family activities effectively meet the needs of families in the council and in the parish. Sponsors family fun time and religious opportunities.

Youth Director.

• Develops, plans and oversees enjoyable and educational activities for youth in the parish and the community. Also works with the Squires Chairman and with Boy Scout units.

Culture of Life

• Develop and promote Pro-Life activity in your parish, council and community.

An Directors

Must plan and coordinate all projects with the council program director to produce an
effective and balanced program calendar for the council.



Grand Knight

Membership Director

Recruitment Committee

Retention Committee

Insurance Promotion Committee



Membership growth, retention and insurance promotion is under the leadership of the council membership director. Assisting him is the recruitment committee, the retention committee and the insurance promotion segment of council operations.

The membership team works with the insurance representative to provide him assistance in offering insurance coverage to the members and their families.

Membership Director

Plans and oversee all council membership recruitment activities.
 Coordinates semi-annual church drive and conducts open house/information nights for prospective members.

Membership Director

• Guides the membership on recruitment and retention techniques and provides the necessary tools for successful recruitment.

Membership Director

 Informs council members of recruitment results and status. Also, may serve on the council admissions committee.



Recruitment Team The recruitment team is responsible for council membership growth and recruitment activities within the council.

Retention Committee

 Has responsibility for insuring all members are active and involved. May need to call on members in arrears on dues. Works with trustees.

Insurance Promotion

 Works with insurance representative to promote the Order's insurance program. Informs members of fraternal benefits and promotes these products.



Other Resources

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Charter
Constitution
Laws of the
Order #30

Chaplain's Handbook #945

Surge, With Service #962

Grand Knights Handbook #915 Financial Secretary's Handbook #1410 Leadership Guide for Membership Recruitment

How to Conduct a Meeting #483



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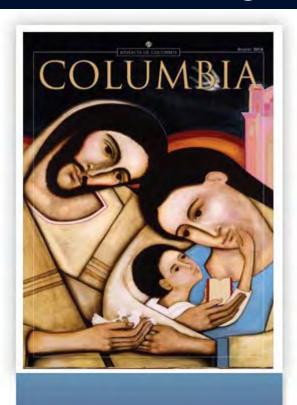


Multiple Stars

Earn the Double Star Council Award by attaining 200% Earn the Triple Star Council Award by attaining 300%

Council Leadership Resources

Columbia Magazine



Knightline



K of C Pledges \$1.4 Million for Special Olympics World Games

From A.M. Best for 39th Consecutive Year Financial Strength Rated A++ (Superior)



Grand Knight Checklist - August







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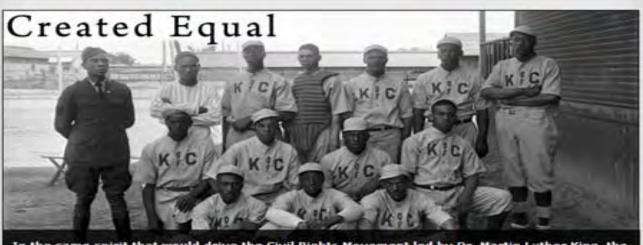
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In the same spirit that would drive the Civil Rights Movement led by Dr. Martin Luther King, the Knights of Columbus, in the early 20th century, took the lead in promoting racial equality.



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Help a Child in Need



Measure of Success



New Cardinals

Activities

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Find a council

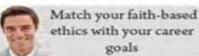






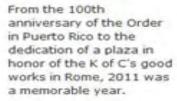








A Year in Review



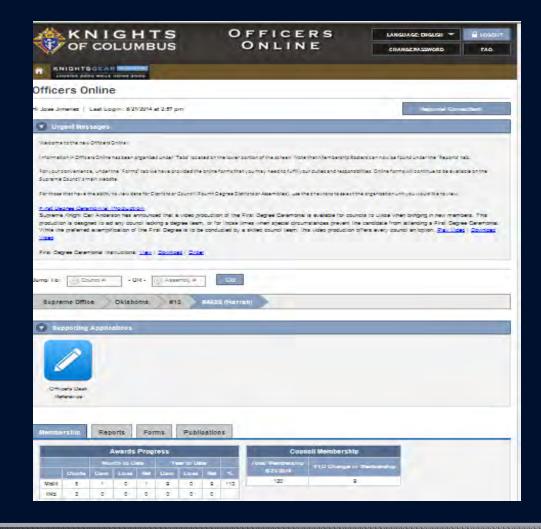


Typhoon Washi

In response to the devastating flash floods in the southern portion of the Philippines, the Supreme Council has sent \$30,000 in emergency funds to assist relief efforts in the



Officers On-Line





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