

CHAPLAIN DUTIES

The Chaplain is the Spiritual Director for the council and will act as the Religious Advisor. He will have no specific duties with regard to running the council. He is expected to make a report at council meetings on any spiritual matter and/or any appropriate business concerns. He also serves as an advisor to the Church Program Director and members of that program.

Selection: The Grand Knight, Deputy Grand Knight, Chancellor and Trustees may annually select a priest to act as Chaplain in accordance with rules established by the local bishop. Deacons and religious brothers cannot be a chaplain but may act as the council's "Spiritual Director".

Planning: In the first Planning Meeting following the election of officers, the Church Program Director should outline the various religious activities planned for the following year. The Chaplain should review, advise and approve the planned religious activities. Religious committee appointments should be made and approved for the various activities as soon as possible to assure their completion.

Spiritual Support: He will generally lead the council in prayer before and after the meetings. He will be provided an opportunity for a summation just prior to the closing prayer. He generally will provide a Chaplain's Report to members immediately following the Grand Knight's report and his Chaplain's Report will be in the council's bulletin. He should provide spiritual advice and help train the members as Catholic leaders. He should be able to clear up any questions on religious matters, which comes to them through secular newspapers, the radio, television, etc.

Occasionally there may arise a controversial question in which the position of the Church is involved. Before action is taken, he should discuss the matter thoroughly with the council officers and the committee chairmen so that the question will be thoroughly understood and handled properly.