

COUNCIL PROCEDURE

Communicating Death of a Council Member

This procedure should be followed when member dies. There may be unusual circumstances that may require a deviation from this plan and at those times, squads should do what they think is best. If Squads need help resolving a delicate situation, they should call the State Chaplain.

The Council formally recognizes the death of an active, exempt, lifetime or probationary member. Former members, auxiliary members, honorary members and those who perform special duties for squads are not formally recognized by the Council.

1. Upon the death of a squad member, the local squad Chaplain should:
 - a. Advise the District Chaplain of the squad members' death and provide the correct spelling of members' name and date member passed away, if possible.
 - b. Advise if services will be requested. If so, advise if service will be conducted by:
 - (1) The Squad
 - (2) The Squad and District
 - (3) The Squad, District and State

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2. The District Chaplain should:

- a. Assist the Squad Chaplain by notifying the District squads and officers as to the members' death, plus time, place and date of service, if one is to be held.
- b. Advise the State Chaplain of:
 - (1) Deceased members' name - proper spelling and squad affiliation.
 - (2) If he/she will be asked to attend or participate.
 - (3) Be prepared to take part or conduct services if requested to do so.

3. The State Chaplain will:

- a. If requested and if possible, attend services, guide the squad and/or District chaplain, participate in the services if asked to do so.
- b. Submit the deceased members' name and squad affiliation to the Gold Cross Magazine for publishing therein.