



Questionnaire on State Meetings - 2007-2008 Fraternal year Tabulation Results

This fraternal year there were three State meetings: September, January and April. The State Executive would appreciate your feedback on these meetings and has prepared this short questionnaire to help plan future meetings: Please take the time to provide your input

1.	There should be more meetings:	<input type="checkbox"/> agree	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> disagree	35
		<input type="checkbox"/> no response	<u>7</u>
			44

Comment:

- Twice as many half as long.
- This is my first so I can't comment on the past.
- More than enough.
- Most business should be completed in the usual time frame. Workshops could be used for specific issues.

2.	The meetings: are too long	<input type="checkbox"/> agree	17
		<input type="checkbox"/> disagree	22
		<input type="checkbox"/> no response	<u>5</u>
			44
	are too short	<input type="checkbox"/> agree	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> disagree	31
		<input type="checkbox"/> no response	<u>12</u>
			44
	are too formal	<input type="checkbox"/> agree	3
		<input type="checkbox"/> disagree	32
		<input type="checkbox"/> no response	<u>9</u>
			44
	cover the material that I need to know	<input type="checkbox"/> agree	38
		<input type="checkbox"/> disagree	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> no response	<u>4</u>
			44
	cover the material that needs to be covered	<input type="checkbox"/> agree	38
		<input type="checkbox"/> disagree	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> no response	<u>5</u>
			44

3.	The meetings should be held on: Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> agree	25
		<input type="checkbox"/> disagree	9
		<input type="checkbox"/> no response	<u>10</u>
			44
	Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> agree	13
		<input type="checkbox"/> disagree	14
		<input type="checkbox"/> no response	<u>17</u>
			44
	Saturday and Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> agree	7
		<input type="checkbox"/> disagree	18
		<input type="checkbox"/> no response	<u>19</u>
			44
4.	The meetings should be a full day:	<input type="checkbox"/> agree	25
		<input type="checkbox"/> disagree	19
		<input type="checkbox"/> no response	—
			44
5.	The meetings should stay the same with no changes;	<input type="checkbox"/> agree	26
		<input type="checkbox"/> disagree	15
		<input type="checkbox"/> no response	<u>2</u>
			43*

One questionnaire had both the agree and disagree boxes checked off.

6. **Changes I would like to see are:**

- More emphasis on Service Program.
- Things not rushed in and out of.
- Open the floor for open discussion.
- too formal/too much time on each subject - “deal with important issue”.
- Meetings to be held at every Council Home.
- Covered everything well.
- Find a central location.
- Please stick to agenda with time limits on separate discussions or issues.
- Too formal! Example - having a ballot vote for an Icon, where a draw would be just as good.
- Less agenda, i.e. more coverage on fewer topics or split agenda, ½ September/1/2 January.
- If someone has no report to give or he has nothing to report this should be made known to the chair person to speed up the meeting.

- Central Charlottetown area, so fair to all long distance Councils.
- Should be 4 meetings per year rather than 2 plus annual. If you miss a meeting you miss too much.
- Good meeting.
- meeting to move along a little faster.
- Take a day - not to try everything done in three hours.
- Discussions amongst all Grand Knights regarding Council activities.
- Grand Knight reports cancelled
- None. Excellent protocol..
- To have the agenda set out more clearly.
- Time slots on the amount of time devoted to each segment. Too much dragging of time.
- Not at this time.
- Delegates be asked to stand and introduce themselves.
- Keep to one day.
- While ballots are being counted, do some business. This sends a message of efficiency and it shortens overall time.
- Sunday is a family day - I'd prefer to meet on Saturday. An opportunity for the ladies to meet during September and January meetings might be a good idea.
- Keep info simplified - no ramblings. Keep agenda tailored to accommodate short day- not til 5pm too long.

7. **Topics I would like to see covered are:**

- Generate ideas for projects - asks District/Councils to consider and commit to same.
- State lottery no early bird - no tickets until January
- Fund-raising
- More training for Financial Secretaries. They need a lot of help to do that book work.
- Insurance with questions. Not sure our rep gave us enough information! Where was Joe. If money is staying in Canada, where does it go?
- Training of Officers and more on recruiting.
- Insurance and especially where the money which is supposed to be staying in Canada is going and what good is it doing?
- Training for Officers.
- Less paperwork and ways to get new members.
- Same.
- A lot more attention paid to travel cards.
- Proper meeting protocol.
- A period of time set for advice to Councils.
- No comment.
- Spend time on position responsibilities or have information available on hand.
- More on the structure of the Knights.
- Motivating topics - so we can come away from the meeting with our batteries

recharged.

- Long term objectives for Councils and How State can help.

8. I'm glad I went to these meetings:	<input type="checkbox"/> agree	38
	<input type="checkbox"/> disagree	3
	<input type="checkbox"/> no response	<u>3</u>
		44

9. These meetings could be improved by:

- More expedient method of voting/gaining consensus
- Using more plain talk and clarifying problems
- No comment
- Trying to stick to the business of the meeting.
- Yes. We need to KISS. Keep it simple stupid. Too many resolutions.
- The success of these meetings, i.e. semi-annual are determined by effective organization - which I saw this year. Start on time, keep things on task and don't be afraid to finish early.
- Everyone staying until the end.
- Time constraints.
- Involving Grand Knights in proceeds.
- Could also be held on an evening if they were shorter.
- Less "talk" more "listen". Sometimes too much whispering between 1, 2, 3, or 4.
- Everybody.
- More on FS
- More breaks
- I am pleased with the effort.
- The meetings are well organized and function well.
- Kept to one day.
- Set tables up so Councils mix with different Councils from different Districts, i.e. don't put Councils from 1 District at the same table.

10. Other comments:

- Keep up the great work!
- Did not understand a lot of the talk.
- Glad to be there.
- We had members leave the meeting over the way the Icon was dealt with.
- Conventions are well done.
- My first year here so I will wait and see what the next year is like.
- This is my first meeting, and I would have to say I enjoyed it, and learned alot.
- Being that I'm a new member I was only a guest but I was very impressed.
- Spending less time on small items.

- State Convention should keep same format.
- Proud to be a K of C.
- Making sure everything is covered not just push through to get out quicker.
- Thanks.
- Shorter presentations - more info to Councils to help them grow stronger.

If you have any preliminary comments on the above, please contact David O'Brien, State Advocate at 902-436-7545 or dpobrien@gov.pe.ca

Thank you.