

CHERISH OUR DREAMS!

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A couple of years ago I read an article on Preserving Life & Longevity of an organization. I felt that this article really pertained to our organization, so I would like to highlight this article to our members. As we need to work on increasing convention attendance, membership and recruiting officers in our local chapters and state levels.

As leaders and members, let us take a moment to focus on several ways to help manage and support the life and longevity of our great organization.

We are experiencing challenging moments within our chapters and even our state organization. We need to think outside of the box so that we can strengthen the life and longevity of our organization through being committed sharing one’s time and talents, leading by example, volunteering, encouraging one another, sharing ideas and suggestions.

The following actions that can help us to support the life and longevity of our great organization:

* Be Committed…

We need to dedicate ourselves to the work of this organization, to foster unity through community service, leadership training and personal development.

* Sharing One’s Time and Talent…

As members we need to offer our time and talents for the betterment of mankind. Plus taking up leadership roles on local and state boards.

* Leading by Example…

What better way to lead by example than through one’s actions.

* Volunteering…

Investigate an area in the community to see where your time and talents can be a benefit to others. Ask your fellow members to join you by bringing it to your chapter meeting for a chapter project.

* Encouraging One Another…

If members are contributing to the chapter projects, let them know it by saying thank you.

* Promoting Togetherness…

If a member misses two meetings, reach out to see if the member is okay. Be sure to check on them to see why they did not attend. Be sure to bring the members up to date on what they missed from the meetings. Sharing with them that can make a difference and their thoughts and ideas are welcome.

* Promoting Positivity…

Be positive in your tone when things are not going well. As one would say, do not fuel the fire.

* Being respective…

Remember when speaking to others, it is not what you say but how you say it.

* Sharing ideas and Suggestions…

Do not be afraid to share ideas or make suggestions.

* Setting Goals…

This is when a chapter is planning for their chapter future or even with a project. When setting goals, make sure they are clear, precise, and measurable. When goals are clear in one’s mind, they will give an improved understanding. If challenging goals are chosen, make sure they are attainable.

* Training vs. criticizing…

If a member is assigned a task, and it does not meet one’s standard, share in completing the task and offer training for the next task.

* Diversity…

When it comes to diversity, all members can bring something to the table. It could be knowledge or experience, or it could be both. Take into consideration the various personalities, cultures, and ages.