

TEN CHARACTERISTICS OF SUCCESSFUL BSTA CHAPTERS

- 1) Interesting well planned meetings MINIMUM (2x/mo.) with a major spiritual component that start and stop on time--1 hr 15 minutes max.
- 2) Rector needs to a BStA member, and an active Brother including attendance from time to time at BStA meetings.
- 3) A hot meal as a key part of every meeting--ie breakfast
- 4) Study and discussion of scripture or other related spiritually oriented material used for the **majority of the time** of the meeting that will lead men into a deeper relationship with Our Lord that is presented in an interesting way resulting in good discussions of those present. Men need to leave each meeting feeling that they have learned something that will help them grow spiritually.
- 5) Rotation of key assignments for each meeting, such as study facilitator, food, calling or e mailing Brothers reminding them of the meeting so that the burden of running the meeting doesn't fall on one brother (usually the Chapter Director), and that all share in the ownership of each meeting always striving for an interesting and meaningful meeting.
- 6) Active prayer (confidential) list, and prayer support for members in need.
- 7) Ongoing service projects, identified with the Brotherhood, that will attract other men (not Brotherhood members), to participate. Have at least one service project that is aimed at helping persons with needs. Planning for service projects should be done outside of the regular meetings, and a status report is given during the chapter meeting.
- 8) An atmosphere during the meeting that encourages participation in confidential discussions, sharing ones current life or faith challenges, promoting bonding. and fellowship.
- 9) Solid commitment of the four elected Chapter officers in planning and executing meetings that will attract new & retain existing members.
- 10) Active recruitment of new members, and including youth (sons or grandsons) in the Chapter meetings. Having interesting meetings are necessary to attract and retain visitors who may be interested in becoming Brotherhood members.

