

Ch. 2: MEMBER CHAPTERS

Sec. 1: DEFINITION OF CHAPTER TYPES

- 1) Drydock: An unchartered chapter consisting of a membership or activity level below the minimum standards required for a full charter. Drydocks may be represented in the Command Council but carry no chapter vote.
- 2) Chartered: A standard chapter of Fleet 31 with geographic location defined as a local or metropolitan area. This chapter type has full representation and a vote in the Command Council and is assigned to a geographic Sector. Chapters with Correspondence elements will be chartered in the location of the Commanding Officer unless otherwise arbitrated with the appropriate Sector Commanders.
- 3) Reserve: This is formed from a Chartered chapter when membership or activity level falls below required levels. The chapter is not considered active, but retains a non-voting seat in the Command Council. This classification is used only when remaining crew wish to rebuild into a Chartered chapter.

Sec. 2: CHARTER PROCESS

- 1) A member wishing to begin a new chapter in their area must first communicate this intention with any Sector Commander. This will function to ensure oversight and compliance.
 - a. The rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade is recognized for the Commanding Officer of a Drydock, and representation without vote is awarded in the Command Council.
- 2) Once the minimum non-Cadet membership of four Active Members has been attained by a Drydock chapter, and a ship name, class, and registry have been chosen by the crew of said chapter, the Sector Commander will announce the full charter of that chapter.
 - a. The Commanding Officer will be automatically promoted in accordance with the number of Active Members in the chapter. These ranks are to be used only if a higher rank has not otherwise been awarded.
 - b. Once a chapter has earned Chartered status, that chapter has earned a vote in the Command Council.
 - c. Ship classes must be from alpha or beta canon. Non-canon designs will be considered on a case-by-case basis, provided sufficient comparable content within canon. Exceptions are at the discretion of the Executive Council.
 - i. Alpha: <http://memory-alpha.wikia.com>
 - ii. Beta: <http://memory-beta.wikia.com>
 - d. Ship names must not belong to another chapter of Fleet 31, any Star Trek organization external to the fleet easily found via major search engine, or any major ship already in Star Trek. Exceptions may be made as long as the name does not interfere with canon events and designations and are at the discretion of the Executive Council.

Sec. 3: PETITION TO JOIN

- 1) Star Trek fan organizations external to Fleet 31 may petition to join Fleet 31 as a chapter or chapters. All such petitions must be presented by the Fleet Commander to the Executive Council for consideration and vote.
- 2) A simple majority vote must be attained for a Petition to be passed.

- 3) Petitioners will be expected to adhere to Fleet 31 policy on ranks as well as standard charter criteria.
- 4) A petitioning organization that falls below the minimum standards for a Chartered chapter may be brought in as a Drydock, with all standard chartering restrictions in place, and does not require a vote for membership.

Sec. 4: MAINTENANCE

- 1) To maintain an active charter within Fleet 31, active membership must remain above the minimum required to charter a new chapter.
- 2) Periodic activity reports may be required from some or all active chapters as deemed necessary by the Executive Council. Such reports may not be required more frequently than once per month.

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