

Ch. 4: MEMBERSHIP

Sec. 1: DUES

There are no dues to become a member of Fleet 31.

Sec. 2: COSTUMES

Costumes are not required for membership.

Sec. 3: QUOTAS

- 1) There are no quotas for events attended.
- 2) There are no quotas for online activity.
- 3) There are no quotas for recruitment.
- 4) There are no quotas for money raised for Fleet 31 or for charity.

Sec. 4: CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT

- 1) Members joining in an area with an existing chapter will be automatically assigned to that chapter upon joining unless other arrangements have been made.
- 2) Members joining in an area with no existing chapters will be assigned to Starbase 31 until or unless interest is stated for starting a chapter in that area.

Sec. 5: DUAL MEMBERSHIP

- 1) Membership in other organizations is not considered with regard to membership in Fleet 31, so long as that dual membership does not present a conflict of interest.
- 2) Rank held in other organizations is not honored within Fleet 31. All members are expected to adhere to the Fleet 31 rank standards when representing Fleet 31.

Sec. 6: PRIVILEGES

- 1) Members may attend any Fleet 31 event.
- 2) Members may represent Fleet 31 at external events or online.
- 3) Members may wear any Fleet 31 specific design or symbol or use them in any reasonable fashion.
- 4) Members may partake in all Fleet 31 online offerings, including any online properties not open to non-members.

Sec. 7: CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) Seek the truth in yourself and your surroundings, test your beliefs, and be honest with others.
“The first duty of every Starfleet officer is to the truth, whether it’s scientific truth, or historical truth, or personal truth. It is the guiding principle on which Starfleet is based.”
– Captain Picard, TNG “The First Duty”
- 2) Seek to understand others, and be slow to judge.
“The question of justice has concerned me greatly of late, and I say to any creature who may be listening, there can be no justice as long as laws are absolute. Even life itself is an exercise in exceptions.”
“When has justice ever been as simple as a rule book?”

- Picard and Riker, TNG “Justice”
- 3) Strive to set aside or resolve past grievances.
 - “I think when one has been angry for a very long time, one gets used to it, and it becomes comfortable like old leather. And finally, it becomes so familiar that one can’t ever remember feeling any other way.”
 - Capt. Picard, TNG “The Wounded”
- 4) Never stop learning. Exploration and the quest for knowledge and discovery are daily life for the Starfleet officer.
 - “For that one fraction of a second, you were open to options you had never considered. That is the exploration that awaits you – not mapping stars and studying nebulae, but charting the unknown possibilities of existence.”
 - Q to Picard, TNG “All Good Things”
- 5) Treat others with respect. No personal goal is worth destroying others to reach it.
 - “Seek out life, do not destroy it. It’s never easy, but if we turn our backs on our principles, we stop being human.”
 - Capt. Janeway, Voyager “Equinox”
- 6) If the peaceful resolution of a problem is possible, do all you can to achieve it.
 - “Riva negotiated several treaties between the Klingons and the Federation.”
 - “Before him, there was no Klingon word for peacemaker.”
 - Picard and Worf, TNG “Loud as a Whisper”
- 7) Explore all sides of a given argument, and seek fairness and impartiality in judgment.
 - “Overt sentimentality is not one of Captain Picard’s failings. Trust me, I know.”
 - Capt. Louvois, TNG “Measure of a Man”
- 8) Remember that what you say and how you say it are equally important. The same is true for what you do and how you do it.
 - “Words are here, on top. What’s under them – their meaning – is what’s important.”
 - Riva via sign language, TNG “Loud as a Whisper”
- 9) Offer praise in public, and critique in private.

Sec. 8: GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL

- 1) Any member may have membership revoked at any time due to significant or repeated infraction of the Code of Conduct.
 - a. For a member of the Command Council or Executive Council, this right may only be exercised by the Judicial Council.
 - b. For all other members, this right is exercised by the chapter Commanding Officer.
- 2) In extreme cases, particularly in which fraud is the reason for termination or ill intent is suspected, the departing member may be required to surrender identifying symbols of Fleet 31, such as badges or decals.

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