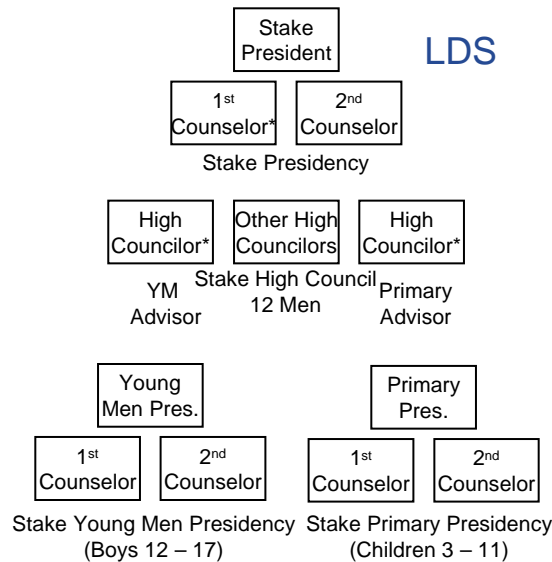




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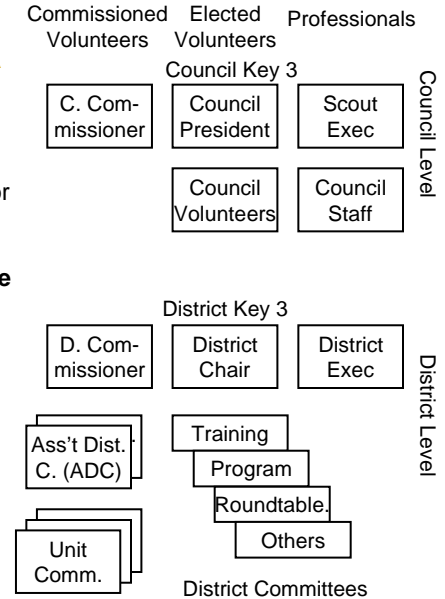
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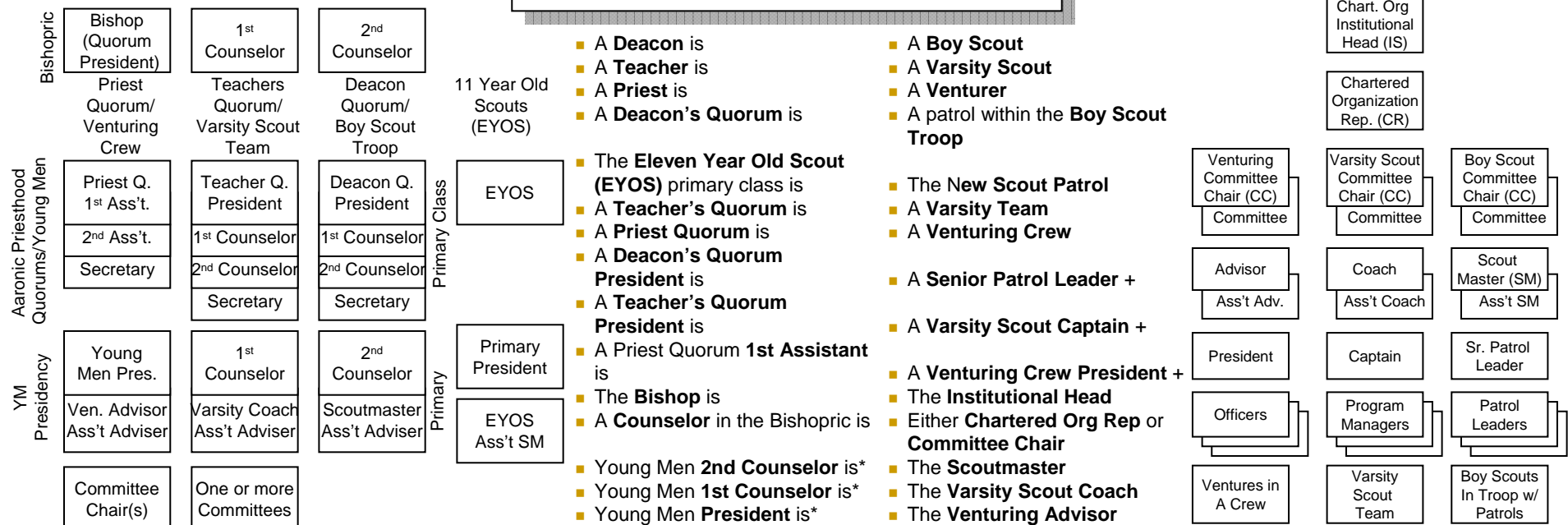
- A **Stake** is like
- The **Stake President** is like
- The **Counselor** in the **Stake Presidency** is like
- The **High Counselors** are like
- A **Ward** is
- Bi-annual **Priesthood Leadership Meeting** is like
- Annual **Ward Conference** is like
- Monthly **High Council Visit** is like
- A **Council or District**
- The **Council President**
- A Council or District **Commissioner**
- **Assistant District Commissioners** or **Unit Commissioners**
- Combination **District Commissioner Meeting**, and **Roundtable Committee**
- **Unit Commissioners**, Combination **District Training and Program Committees**
- A **Chartered Organization**
- **Roundtable** or **Basic Training**
- **Fast Start**, **Basic**, or other **Training** meeting
- A **Unit Commissioner Visit**

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*Member of Aaronic Priesthood Committee.

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LDS: (n) Latter-day Saint, a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, sometimes called Mormons. **Young Men Mission:** Help each young man to: (1) Become converted to the gospel of Jesus Christ and live its teachings. (2) Serve faithfully in priesthood callings and fulfill the responsibilities of priesthood offices. (3) Give meaningful service. (4) Prepare and live worthily to receive the Melchizedek Priesthood and temple ordinances. (5) Prepare to serve an honorable full-time mission. (6) Obtain as much education as possible. (7) Prepare to become awake, and morally straight. **Scout Law:** A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, a worthy husband and father. (8) Give proper respect to women, girls, and children. Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent

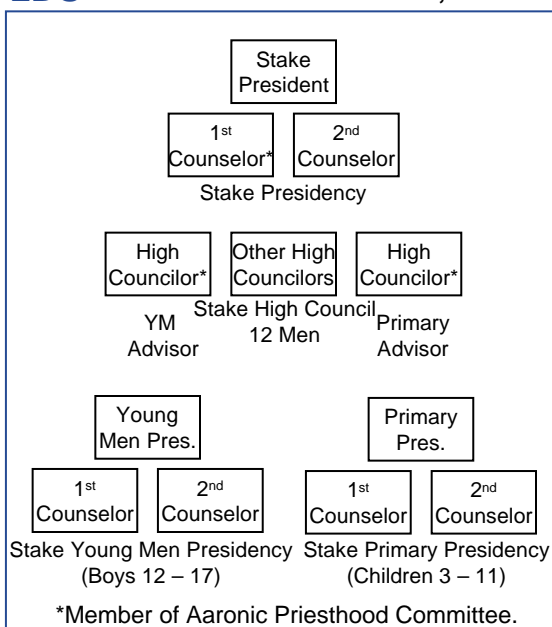
BSA: (n) Boy Scouts of America, a nationally chartered organization that provides quality youth programs, including Cub, Boy, and Varsity Scouting and Venturing. **Scouting Mission:** The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. **Scout Oath:** On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong mentally

The Scout Charter Bridges Both Organizations: "Any local organization whose aims and purposes are in harmony with Scouting's may make use of the Boy Scouts of America's educational resource program, which is based upon a duty to God and country. Such an organization may be a religious institution, club, lodge, civic group...or group of citizens....The Boy Scouts of America makes its program available by issuing a charter for each unit your organization operates...[The] charter authorizes your organization to make use of the Scouting program as a part of its total program, under leadership your organization has selected for all youth who want to join."

- **Stake:** (n) A geographic division of the church containing approximately 4700 members, nearly 2,800 worldwide. There is no scout "district" equivalent in the church
- **Ward:** (n) A congregation and geographic division of a Stake, on average about 8 congregations per Stake. A **Branch** is a very small congregation. Sometimes both are generically called a **unit**. Almost all church units (Ward or Branch) sponsor a Pack, and Troop at a minimum

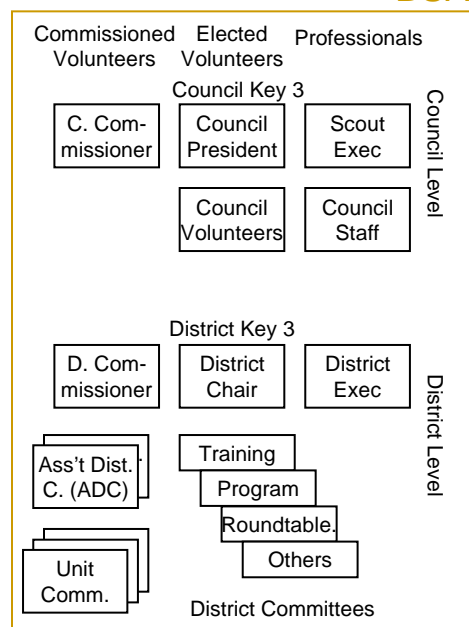
- **Stake Presidency:** (n) is responsible for all church operations in the stake. A **Counselor in Stake Presidency** is assigned responsibility for youth. "He sees that Scouting is organized and functioning in the stake and develops a positive working relationship with the Boy Scouts of America" and is chairman of the Stake Aaronic Priesthood Committee.
- **High Councilors:** (n) "represents [the stake presidency] in each...ward in the stake" **High Councilor Advisors:** (n) "advise, encourage, and assist" Young Men and Primary presidencies.

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- **Stake Young Men Presidency:** (n) "may be invited by wards to help conduct training and implement activity programs" for 12 – 17 year old boys
- **Stake Primary Presidency:** (n) "is responsible to oversee scouting for 8, 9, 10, and 11 year old boys... When invited [by a ward they] may help orient ward Primary leaders in Scouting."

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- **Council:** (n) An administrative body chartered to be responsible for Scouting in a designated geographic territory, about 300 in the US. **District:** (n) A geographical area of the council, from 2 to a dozen plus per council.
- **Chartered Organization:** (n) A religious, civic, fraternal, educational, or other organization that has received a charter to operate a BSA Scouting unit.
- **Unit:** (n) The entity that conducts Scouting for the chartered organization, consisting of registered youth and adult members, a pack, troop, team, crew, or ship.
- **Council President** (n) The elected volunteer Scouter who heads the council. **Scout Executive** (n) The chief executive officer of the council responsible ...for successful council operations.
- **Professional Scouter** (n) A ...full-time employee **Commissioner** (n) A commissioned Scouter who works ...to help the units succeed. There are council, district, assistant district...and unit commissioners

- **District executive** (n) A professional Scouter who works under the direction of the ...Scout executive and acts as an adviser to [district] volunteer[s]
- **District committee** (n) Consisting of chartered organization representatives and [others], the district committee coordinates the functions of the district... The executive officer...is the **District Chairperson**.
- **Key 3** (n) leadership grouping.



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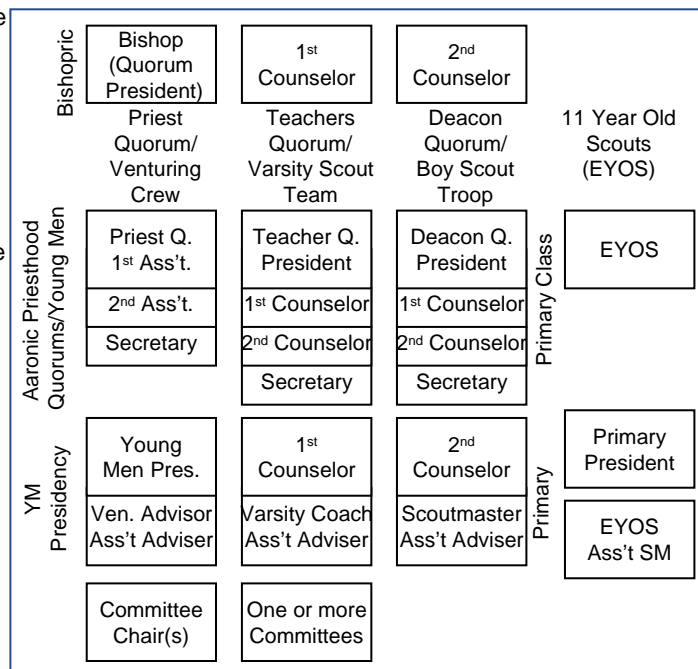


- The **Young Men** organization (also called **Aaronic Priesthood**) have the following offices: **Deacon** (n) Worthy 12 year old boys who may pass the sacrament and other similar duties **Teacher** (n) Worthy 14 year old boys who may also prepare the sacrament **Priest** (n) Worthy 16 year old boys who may also administer the sacrament, baptize, confer the Aaronic Priesthood when authorized by the bishop. **Bishop** (n) is the highest office in the Aaronic Priesthood, and the presiding high priest in the ward. Bishop and **Bishopric** (n) councilors have direct priesthood authority over quorum presidents.
- Quorum or Class** Boys grouped by age, either in the Aaronic Priesthood for boys 12 and older (quorums) or in the Primary for boys 11 or younger (class) **Deacon Quorum** (n) Up to twelve 12 to 13 years olds. Few modern wards have more than one quorum. The EYOS form one scout patrol, and Deacon Quorum another. **Teacher Quorum** (n) Up to twenty-four 14 to 15 year olds. **Priest** (n) Up to forty-eight worthy 16 to 18 year olds.
- Quorum presidency** (n) are nominated by the bishopric and sustained by quorum members, which for scouting purposes constitutes election.

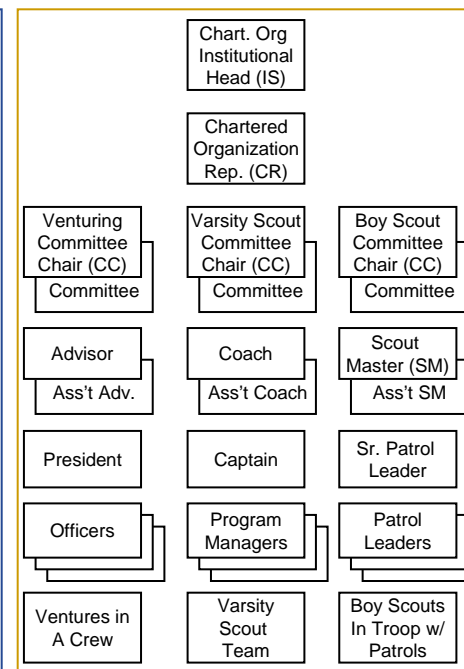
- YM President & Counselors** generally, serve as Scoutmaster, Varsity Scout Coach, or Venturing Advisor. They report to the respective counselor in the bishopric or bishop responsible for each unit.
- Assistant Advisers** provide two deep leadership, may be designated as Scoutmaster, Varsity Scout Coach or Venturing Advisor
- Committee Chair.** If a unit has a separate committee chair, he is not in the priesthood line of authority. The Young Men Leaders report to a bishop's counselor. May function as a secretary to the bishop's counselor, who with the Bishop is responsible for leader staffing

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- Program manager** (n) A Varsity Scout who supervises one of the five program fields of emphasis: advancement, high adventure, personal development, service, and special programs and events.
- Chartered organization representative** (n) A manager of Scouting in a chartered organization who also represents this organization in the local council and district.
- Committee** (n) A local chartered organization has a unit committee, composed of volunteers, to administer the affairs of each unit it operates.
- Scoutmaster, Coach, and Advisor** (n) A volunteer Scouter, 21 or older, appointed by the chartered organization to lead a Boy Scout Troop, Varsity Scout Team or Venturing Crew respectively..

- Primary** (n) is the church's children's organization, for ages 18 months to 11 years, oversees Cub Scouting (no Tiger Cubs) and **EYOS** Eleven Year Old Scouts (n) a special primary scouting patrol. **Leader of EYOS (Assistant Scoutmaster).** A scout leader who may also teach the primary class on Sunday and leads the weeknight EYOS activities. **Primary President** (n) The church's children organization leader, a scout committee member, who reports to a bishopric councilor.