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Judge Gary McKenzie Shares Qualities of Leadership

Judge Gary McKenzie shared his advice on *A Life of Service: Qualities of Leadership* during Monday night's session. He emphasized the characteristics held by Abraham Lincoln, Martin Luther King Jr., and Franklin D. Roosevelt. They shared positive traits including good character, good communication skills, confidence and mindful decision making.

"Lincoln and King both suffered from clinical depression; FDR suffered from polio and eventually could not walk," McKenzie said. "They all overcame difficult circumstances. Their most important character trait was resiliency. I guarantee you something in your life will set you back. Do you bounce back or do you quit? That is the real test of a leader."

He then shared his keys to becoming a great leader:

1. Self awareness: Know your strengths and your limitations.
2. Self regulation: Think before you act.
3. Optimism: Avoid the negativity bias.
4. Connections: Be able to rely on others when you are in need.

McKenzie then asked the audience if they believed one person could change the world. Some were sure. Some said no. He then told the true story of prosecuting a man accused of abusing an 8-year-old boy. He spoke admiringly of the boy as he described him on the stand.

"The boy leaned into the microphone and testified for one minute about the abuse," he said. "The jury convicted the man and he's spending 22 years in prison. He was accused of abusing others, and because one boy in that one minute testified, no other child could be hurt in the future by this man. Don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't make a difference."

He encouraged delegates to focus on positive changes. "Find a passion. Get involved in your community. Plan for your future. Always believe you can make a difference."

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Cain City: Ethan Smith, mayor; Ben Adams, Gabe Blaylock, Abhi Manda, Gavin Moore, alderman; Neb Seged, Parker Welch, county commissioners; Preston Bailey, Parker Bowling, Jack Jones, Eli McAbee, Tyris Nelson, Jack Quinn, Julian Ragos, Zachary Tilley, state representatives.

Hammer City: Bryson Bell, mayor; Jeremy Eddlemon, Jeisson Hernandez, Mason McKain, Michael Shaffer, aldermen; Dominique Oggs, Whitt Williams, county commissioners; Carter Beck, Fulton Earheart, Kirby Logan, Jeremy McConnell, Joseph Vonnoh, Chris Welsh, Brandon Walker, Donovan Williams, state representatives.

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Lahiere City: Coleman Watts, mayor; Connor Barnwell, Jacob Chamberlain, John Hitch, Trey Lytle III, aldermen; John Harmon, Landry Williams, county commissioners; Blake Davidson, Tyler Davis, Justin Duncan, Bryce Jones, Riley Lloyd, John Maddox, Hunter Rose, Daniel Tran, state representatives.

Levi City: Frankie Riivera, mayor; Will Brackett, Tyler Greenlee, Quinton Hiatt, Jason Nguyen, aldermen; Ryan Lane, Ethan Moss, county commissioners; Noah Anderson, Kannan Harvey, Graham Jones, Aden Klein, Aaron Murphy, Trevor Pillow, Colin Rowland, Ethan Smith, state representatives.

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Reel City: Dax Cook, mayor; Will Engle, Elijah Greer, Joshua Osborne, Alexander Stovall, aldermen; Grayson Garrette, Jace McKenzie, county commissioner; Cameron Dronebarger, Jacob Manning, Koby Mitchell, Samuel Prater, Matthew Rauhuff, Jackson Taylor, state representatives.

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Markham County: Logan Griffith, county executive; Will Bowers, county sheriff; Ben Mills, county court clerk; Josh Filoteo, register of deeds; Camden Burkhardt, county trustee; Cole Scott, county attorney; Reed Stout, county tax assessor; Andrew Taylor, circuit judge; Sebastian Stubblefield, chancery judge; Caden Benedict, Dalton Bowers, Will Dedmon, Andrew King, Rily Majors, Michael Punzalan, Matt Smith, Alex Webster, state senators.

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