

Grunt Counter

ELDER GATE TOASTMASTERS CLUB

MEETING GUIDELINES

A **GRUNT** can be described as an unprepared pause or interjection in a speech

GRUNTS are distractions in the smooth delivery of a well developed speech and can cause, in the worst instances, total lack of coherence, leading to eventual incomprehension on the part of the audience.

GRUNTS may be:

- Repeated overlong hesitations, or inappropriate pauses.
- Interjections e.g. er, an, ah, umh .
- Continual Throat clearing noises
- Repeated use of conjunctions.
- Meaningless phrases e.g. ‘..and without further ado, know what I mean, you see’
- OK,

All of these should be classified as grunts and the speaker penalised accordingly.

The Grunt Counter should try to keep a tally of the number of Grunts made by each speaker.

If asked to be a topics speaker, ask some one to take over from you.

When requested by the Toastmaster or General Evaluator, comment on the results with reference to the time each speaker is allotted. The Grunt Counter should comment on improvements made by individual speakers compared with previous meetings.

The report should be brief, 1-2 minutes maximum.

No applause is given to the speaker making the most grunts.