

# Ceremonials

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## **Admission Degree (1<sup>st</sup> Degree)**

A new member gets his first look at the Knights of Columbus when he joins during the Admission Degree. The main principle of our Order - Charity - should be a lesson imparted to him in such a way that it makes an impression on him, and causes him to take this lesson to heart.

The best way an Admission Degree can be done is by a council team in which all parts are fully memorized, and they communicate the lesson of Charity with sincerity. The second best way is for a council to have their own team, but members may not have fully memorized their entire part, and read from the book. Every council is encouraged to have their own Admission Degree team, and to schedule a Degree to occur each month. If for some reason no candidates can be lined up to attend the Degree, the team should run through it anyway for practice. The other option for bringing a new brother Knight in is through the video provided by Supreme. This should be conducted at a council meeting, or when a group is gathered. It is not meant to be done privately, nor in any circumstances should a DVD be given to a prospective member and he is encouraged to watch it when he can! The video can also be used if you are short a member of your team and the DVD can be run to present his portion.

## **Formation Degree (2<sup>nd</sup> Degree)**

The lesson of Unity is imparted to members through this degree. Working as one, we can accomplish much more than each of working independently. We would like for there to be a Formation Degree team in every District. If you are interested in starting one, please contact Tom Nelson.

## **Knighthood Degree (3<sup>rd</sup> Degree)**

The lesson of Fraternity is imparted to members at this degree with the highlight being them Knighted as full Knights in our Order. We are a fraternity because we are brothers who share a Heavenly Father and do His works here on earth. We need to schedule Formation and Knighthood Degrees in each District on a frequent basis.

## **Membership 365**

We cannot "take the summer off" in terms of ANY membership programs. Admission, Formation, and Knighthood Degrees need to be scheduled YEAR ROUND. Start Quick and finish Strong!

## **Orderwide Membership Drives**

The Supreme Council asks EVERY council to do a Fall and Spring Weekend Membership Drive:

***Fall - October 8-9 or 15-16, 2016; Spring - March 11-12, 2017***

Your District Deputy will contact you regarding setting up your church drives. If you need assistance, you can contact your DD or your Regional Membership Chairman.

**One Admission Degree, Per District, Per Month**