

District Deputy Midyear Training Meeting 2024-2025



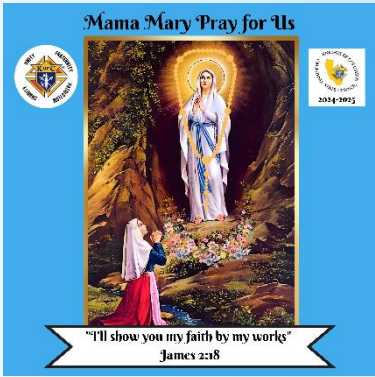
Ceremonials

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Are Ceremonials Important?



- **Have you downloaded an APP?**
- **Have you engaged in a contract?**
- **Have you ever made a promise or taken an oath?**

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A man joins the Knights as a Conscious Commitment



- **To Serve.**
- **To better himself, his family, and his church.**
- **To become part of something greater than himself.**

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How does the Degree of CUF Fill Those Needs?



- **Our origins and purpose are explained.**
- **Living by our principles is taught.**
- **Promises and commitments are made.**

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The Benefit of Live Degrees



- **A solemn setting focuses the candidate and emphasizes the importance of the occasion.**
- **Family, Brother Knights, Clergy, and Friends, observe and witness the candidate's initiation to the Order.**
- **Individual presentations are made to each new Knight by Dignitaries of the Order.**

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Why have a Reception?



- **The New Knight and his family are welcomed.**
- **Opportunity for Speakers.**
- **Learn the new member's interest and talents; match these to programs and chairmen.**

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Candidate to Council Member



- **Bring prospects in with the Membership QR code.**
- **Get them to a degree quickly. Search the State Calendar for degrees.**
- **Have a Council member go to non-local degrees with the candidate**

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Sharing Degrees is True Fraternity



- **Have Councils open their degrees to other Councils.**
- **Promotes cross Council activities.**
- **Councils that have no team will see the benefit of creating their own.**

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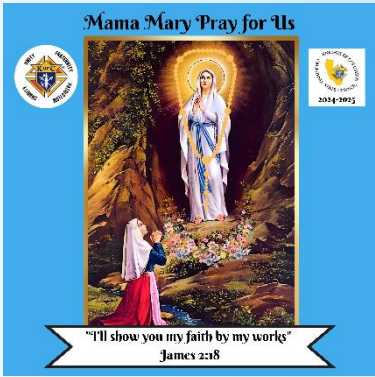


Have a Degree Plan (1)



- **Encourage Council to plan 4 per year.**
- **Schedule membership drives two weeks prior to scheduled degrees.**
- **Publish and disseminate a degree flyer.**

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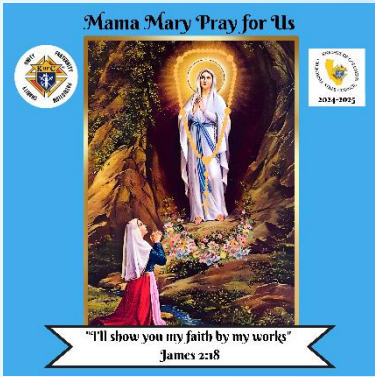


Have a Degree Plan (2)



- **Ensure local, Chapter, and State, calendars reflect correct degree info.**
- **4 weeks prior, verify venue is reserved and team is selected. Ensure paraphernalia and supplies are on hand.**
- **Conduct a team practice during the week prior.**

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Helpful Tidbits for DDs



- **Ask Councils to add Degrees to their annual Parish calendar.**
- **Send Council plans for inclusion on the Chapter calendars.**
- **Encourage GKs to invite dignitaries early.**

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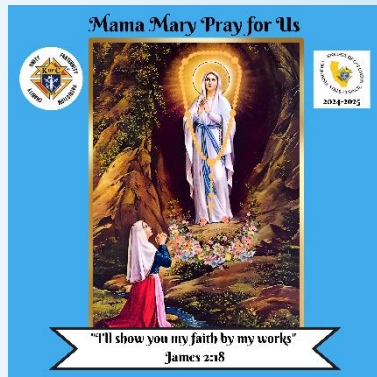


Helpful Tidbits for DDs



- **Ask the GK to select an honoree and have them present for the degree (if possible).**
- **Encourage Council families to attend and mingle with the new members' families.**
- **Bring other Councils to degrees to see that they can do one too!**

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Take-aways



- **Bring prospects in quickly. Use the QR code.**
- **Live degrees are best. Build teams, at least one per district.**
- **Have Council calendars schedule the degree plan for the entire year. Share the plan with State Ceremonials.**

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