

# Ceremonials Overview

## Orange County Diocese Chapter

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# Degree Overview – All Degrees

- All Hosts - Keep Ceremonials Chairman informed of degrees
  - Primary Point of Contact for degree - Grand Knight, DD, or team captain
  - Contact information – phone number and email
  - Location of Degree - especially if council serves several parishes
  - Time for candidates to report and time for “gavel drop”
- All Councils - Accompany Candidates
  - “Never let a candidate go to a degree alone”
  - Sideliners are welcome and can be asked to participate
- Degree Schedule – posted periodically at OCKC.net under Members Only tab
  - Requires password
  - Contact Chapter Ceremonials Chairman to add/change information

## ORANGE COUNTY CEREMONIAL CALENDAR

UPDATED July 15, 2019



### ADMISSION (First) DEGREES 2019

July 15 Mon	Father Kass 3526	Father Kass Council Hall
Buena Park	GK Erwin Masinsin	8410 Kass Drive
	949 923 7878	Buena Park, Ca 90621
	<a href="mailto:Degrees@kojc-BP.org">Degrees@kojc-BP.org</a>	Candidates 7:00 pm
Jul 24 Wed	Father Peter JJ Juba 4922	La Purisima
Orange	Team Captain: Dan Nau	11712 Hewes St.
	PH: 714 726 1314	Orange CA
	EMAIL:	Candidates 7:00pm Degree 7:30pm
August 19 Mon	Father Kass 3526	Father Kass Council Hall
Buena Park	GK TBD	8410 Kass Drive
	PH:	Buena Park, Ca 90621
	<a href="mailto:Degrees@kojc-BP.org">Degrees@kojc-BP.org</a>	Candidates 7:00 pm
August 28 Wed	Bishop Conaty 5385	St. Cecilia Church
Tustin	GK: Andy Sison	1301 Sycamore
	PH:	Tustin, Ca 92780
	EMAIL: LAXINORD@hotmail.com	Cand. 7:00pm Degree 7:30pm

# Admission Degrees

- Councils hold primary responsibility
- DD should be aware and attend
- Live performed degree is preferred, but video is permitted (*but c'mon, don't you want to really impress the candidate by performing in person?!*)
- Provide kit to host degree team (rosary, pin, *These Men They Call Knights* booklet, etc.). FS can purchase kits at KofC.org
- Call/email the POC and inform of intent to attend and number of candidates
- DD submits Form 450 (Degree Exemplification Report) after degree (GK can remind him)
  - Number of candidates from each council, honoree, evaluation of degree team, etc.
  - Email to Supreme ([ceremonials@kofc.org](mailto:ceremonials@kofc.org)) and California State Council ([state.office@californiaknights.org](mailto:state.office@californiaknights.org))

# Formation Degrees

- District Deputy and Grand Knight hold joint responsibility
- Call/email the POC and inform of intent to attend and number of candidates
- DD submits Form 450 (Degree Exemplification Report) after degree (GK can remind him)
  - Number of candidates from each council, honoree, evaluation of degree team, etc.
  - Email to Supreme ([ceremonials@kofc.org](mailto:ceremonials@kofc.org)) and California State Council ([state.office@californiaknights.org](mailto:state.office@californiaknights.org))
- NOTE: Nothing to provide to degree team captain

# Knighthood Degrees

- District Deputies hold responsibility to request degree from State Deputy
  - State Deputy will assign a Conferring Officer
  - Cannot cancel degree without State Deputy concurrence
- Host DD MUST attend. DD's with candidates are strongly encouraged to attend
- Impress upon candidates to observe dress code – jacket and tie
  - And sideliners have the same dress code
- Support the host council and enjoy their hospitality – stay for the banquet!
- Host Council: Provides a secure venue (windows covered) with tables and chairs. Assigned Conferring Officer will coordinate with host DD to provide the equipment

# Degree Teams

- More are needed - consider forming or joining a team
  - State Membership Chairman has asked to host an admission degree in every district every month (12 districts in OC chapter x 12 months = 144 degrees)
  - Regional degrees make traffic bearable – north, central, and south county
  - Scripts are available from DDs
  - Additional Knighthood degree participants needed – please contact me if interested!!
- Practice
  - Learn the part from memory
  - DD certifies team ready to perform
  - Have backups/understudies ready to substitute during summer vacations
- Degree Team Dress Code
  - Jacket and tie with office jewel and ceremonial baldrics are preferred
    - Baldrics are only \$29 ea. through The English Company (MUCH LESS than robes)
  - Robes are still allowed (but not preferred)