

Brother Knights

A **1st Degree** is scheduled at Council 7667 in Niceville at Holy Name of Jesus Church Hall at 7 PM (**Candidates NLT 6:30 PM**) on **Tuesday Mar 02**. Since candidates must have the approval of their Council (to be) Grand Knight, I request that be accomplished by the GK replying to this e-mail with the approved list of names and that a Council representative/ proposer accompany them to the 1st Degree.

Now is the opportune time to sign up K of C Applicants, rush them to meet the Admissions Committee, and have those who are qualified, initiated into the 1st Degree of our Order. A rare opportunity exists for new applicants and those who are 1st Degree members to rise through the 2nd and 3rd Degrees before Easter. Please advise myself and all other District 3 Grand Knights of 1st Degrees planned.

A **2nd Degree** is planned for 2 PM **March 14th** at Council 4444.

Each 2nd Degree candidate should make sure they have a current 1st Degree card in their possession, arrive no later than **1:30 PM** and be appropriately dressed (Wearing a coat and tie is preferred). Candidates should not come by themselves but with their proposer or a member of their Council.

A **3rd Degree** is planned for 1 PM **March 20th** at Council 4444.

Each 3rd Degree candidate should make sure that they have a current 2nd Degree card in their possession and arrive no later than **12 noon**. Appropriate 3rd Degree candidate dress includes wearing a coat and tie. Each Grand Knight that has candidates, should make sure that someone from their council brings a check (\$10.00 per candidate) made out to the "Florida State Council". The candidate's Council also pays for the candidates' meal (est ~ \$10.00) in a separate check made out to Council 4444. Candidates should not come by themselves but with their proposer or a member of their Council.

Surrounding Districts and District #3 Councils are requested to provide myself (schlitr@cox.net) and the Host Council Grand Knight ((Ed Villarreal; (ed@kofc4444.com), 850-515-1430, 850-685-9608)) with the number and names of 2nd and 3rd candidates as soon as possible and keep us posted of the numbers that change. This 3rd Degree candidate list is needed by **NLT 07 Mar 2010 (Mar01 Desired)** (break them out as confirmed, additional expected, and qualified who can't or won't be able to make it).

Due to the short time period between this e-mail and the Degrees, some changes and accommodations **may** become necessary and if that happens, this same list of addressees will be informed as soon as practical.

Worthy Sir's! We cannot do this 3rd Degree if we do not have a sufficient number of candidates. Unless we get a sufficient listing, we will have to do it at a later date. A poor turn out for a 3rd Degree is an embarrassment. The Districts of this area have always done well here with 3rd degrees and I'm sure that Council 4444 we will continue in this tradition. I have addressed this

e-mail to many officers of this area and Council 4444. The success of these Degrees will depend on the coordinated efforts of many members and I request everyone's assistance to make this an enjoyable learning experience for all the Degree Candidates. I know that your Councils will work hard for this even though there are numerous activities going on in this season.

Thank to all of you for making the Knights of Columbus a Great Catholic Fraternal Organization!

Your Brother Knight

Raymond Schlitt