

Dear Council of Chiefs,

The COC meeting this year will be held on Saturday, November 14th, in Columbia, SC at the Transfiguration Lutheran Church (the same place as last year.) The goals of this weekend are to promote fellowship among lodges, and of course, to have a successful Council of Chiefs meeting. In order to do this, we have created some sessions on Saturday that will complete these goals.

Below, you will find a schedule of events:

Saturday Nov. 14 (at the Church)

8:30-9:30	Arrival and Coffee available
9:30-10:45	Chief/Adviser Breakouts
11:00-12:00	Council of Chiefs Meeting
12:00-1:00	Lunch
1:00-3:00 (or when finished)	Council of Chiefs Meeting

Depart at Conclusion of Meeting

Here are some details that will help you understand the schedule:

Location: The COC meeting will be held at the Transfiguration Lutheran Church.

Here is the physical address for directions:

The Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration
1301 12th Street
Cayce, SC 29033

What to Bring: Class A and sash for the sessions, regular clothes for travel; the Dixie Proposal will be e-mailed to you before the weekend and hard copies provided upon arrival; Notebook and paper for note taking during the breakouts.

Fees: You do not owe any fees to the Section. All fees will be towards your own hotel room(s), and meals for the weekend. You should allot for about \$5 for the lunch on Saturday.

Attendees: The Section is asking that the Lodge Key 3 be present for the weekend. If a lodge would like to bring additional youth(s), like an officer or a lodge chief-elect, then they may do so. Since sleeping accommodations are up to the lodge, rooming will be the only issue. See below for more details about sleeping arrangements.

Sleeping Accommodations: Though there are no activities planned for Friday, November 13, sleeping arrangements may be desired. The hotel we have suggested is the:

Comfort Inn Airport

110 Branch Rd.
West Columbia, SC, 29169
Phone: (803) 796-0044

This is the hotel that we recommend, and you are not required to go to this hotel, but it is fairly close to the church and offers a continental breakfast. There is a big home game at the University of South Carolina, so make reservations very quickly. The going rate is about \$80.00 a room. If you decide not to go with this hotel, you are accountable for finding another one. If you wish to be paired up with other youth / adults from around the section to share the cost of the hotel room please let me know and I will work with you and the hotel to get you paired up with a like age ranged person.

Each of you is responsible for booking your own hotel room directly with this hotel or another hotel or letting me know if I need to work with you directly.

The Section needs to know who is staying in this hotel from your lodge so that if we need to pair up someone, we will have another youth or adult to pair them with so please email me and let me know how many youth and adults you are planning on bringing and include their age.

Food: Since the registration will be on Saturday Morning, dinner will be on your own if you arrive Friday afternoon. If you stay at this hotel, a continental breakfast will be your breakfast; otherwise, breakfast will be on your own. Coffee and a light breakfast will be available during the check-in process. Saturday lunch will be a pizza lunch during a break in the COC and a collection will be taken up to get the pizzas earlier that morning.

If you have any questions about the weekend, do not hesitate to email or call me with your concerns. I request that you email me back in a timely manner where you will be staying, who is coming from your lodge, the participant's age, and contact information for each person attending.

Thank you and I am looking forward to planning the best conclave in the nation with you, as well as having a successful and wonderful year.

In Brotherhood,

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