



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

District of Columbia State Council

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Report of the State Advocate

At the beginning of the Fraternal Year the Supreme Advocate tasked each subordinate State Advocate to ensure that all subordinate Knights of Columbus organizations under his purview to be in compliance with certain laws and rules of the Order, and those of the federal government. During the early part of the Fraternal Year, the original State Advocate voluntarily resigned and a new Advocate was approved.

IRS EIN Registration

As of the date of the writing of this report, all subordinate councils obtained EINs, District of Columbia jurisdiction is in 100% compliance with the IRS and the Supreme Council.

Fraternal Training

The State Advocate has used a training manual created from prior year for all Council Officers – covering their fraternal duties and obligations per the Charter, Constitution, & Laws of the Knights of Columbus. As of the date of the writing of this report, the percentage of the subordinate Councils compliance with the Safe Environment Training program

File the IRS Form 990-N electronic postcard

A reminder was sent to all subordinate councils and assemblies in the DC jurisdiction of their legal obligation to file an informational tax return for the 2019 tax year, and to provide detailed instructions on how to comply with this obligation.

The Knights of Columbus, including all subordinate councils and assemblies is a tax-exempt organization, recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a fraternal benefit society under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code. Notwithstanding our tax exempt status, each council is required by law to file an annual informational tax return with the Internal Revenue Service. Councils submitting Form 990-N (e-Postcard).

Home Corporations

In 2014, the Supreme Council established a policy that councils using Home Corporation facilities must maintain written agreements governing a council's use of Home Corporation facilities and how matters will be settled between the council and the Home Corporation in the event that the Home Corporation chooses to wind up its affairs. In establishing this policy, the Supreme Council expects councils and Home Corporations to work together in mutual respect in regard to their distinct but complementary roles — namely, that of tenant and landlord.

The only Home Corporation in the District of Columbia, located at 5034 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Washington, DC 200016 – in written agreement with Washington Council #224, is in compliance with the Supreme Council's request for a written Terms of Use agreement and has a copy of the current Handbook for Councils Using Home Corporation Facilities.

Respectfully Submitted,

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