



DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT FOR DISTRICT 3  
District of Columbia State Council

April 26, 2020

**DISTRICT SUMMARY**

*Vivat Iesus!*

The fraternal year for District 3 (formerly, District 4) has been one of change. Some of the councils, especially those on the smaller side, have tried to focus on retention of active programs despite an aging membership. Other councils have proactively strategized about how to recruit new brother Knights. And still other councils have overcome the disruption of moving meeting locations, or even another parish in a different state. Most recently, the councils of District 3 have sought to continue charitable and evangelizing efforts in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, by switching to teleconference meetings or carrying out programs that can be conducted from home, such as letter writing.

In terms of areas of improvement for the coming fraternal year, District 3 will need to focus on membership growth.

St. Cyprian Council was transferred to District 3 in mid-March 2020.

St. John Fisher Council will transfer to Maryland at the end of the fraternal year.

**COUNCIL UPDATES**

**Immaculate Conception Shrine Council 4944**

Grand Knight: Arthur Robinson

Financial Secretary: Thomas Jones

Shrine Council has worked hard to maintain programs during the fraternal year despite having an older membership. Until the start of the pandemic, it hosted a regular bingo event (September through June) at the Washington Home for the Aged. The brothers participated in this year's "Coats for Kid" program. Unfortunately, out of an abundance of caution, the iconic annual citrus drive had to be cancelled due to a fruit virus. The Council continues to stay in touch during the pandemic by means of regular telephone calls. In terms of membership, before the pandemic, the Council had planned to organize a Delta Church Drive at St. Francis de Sales parish. Although that fell through, two new members were recruited as online prospects and participated in the state-sponsored February 8, 2020 exemplification of the new Combined Degree. One of these new Knights is a professor at Howard University and hopes to learn more about Columbianism before helping to rebuild the dormant Howard University Council.

### **Saint Josaphat Council 7530**

Grand Knight: Daniel Nicoloso

Financial Secretary: James Salandro

St. Josaphat Council has spent the bulk of the fraternal year focusing on recruitment strategies, which requires special consideration given the bilingual nature of the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family. Clergy is supportive of hosting a Delta Church drive, but this was delayed during the Great Fast and has been further delayed by the outbreak of the pandemic. The Council has otherwise tried to carry-out its normal activities in the parish. A group of brother Knights participated in a reading circle moderated by the Council chaplain, Fr. Mark Morozowich, who is Dean of Theology at the Catholic University of America; they read Vladimir Lossky's *Mystical Theology of the Eastern Church*, in order to gain an appreciation for the methods and heritage of the Byzantine theology shared by Eastern Catholics and Orthodox alike. Most recently, the Council distributed Easter greeting cards to homebound parishioners and widows in nursing homes.

### **Saint Cyprian Council 10008**

Grand Knight: James Mazol

Financial Secretary: Joseph Gigliotti

St. Cyprian Council has had a very active fraternal year, both in terms of programs and recruitment. During the summer, the Council raised \$3,000 for the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center as part of its Baby Bottle Drive. In the fall, the brothers spent a weekend repainting a garage for the Little Sisters of the Poor. The Council also completed a service project for L'Arche and raised money for Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian's seminarians' mission trip. As for membership, the Council held an incredibly successful Delta Church Drive last year, where they recruited double their quota (200%). So far this fraternal year, eleven brothers have joined St. Cyprian.

### **Blessed Tansi Council 11496**

Grand Knight: Godwin Ugbor

Financial Secretary: Babie Orusakwe

Blessed Tansi Council is trying to continue to hold active business meetings despite changing meeting locations; attendance has suffered as a result of those changes. Formerly hosted at Nativity parish, the Council now meets at the home facility for Washington Council. Since the outbreak of the pandemic, meetings have continued by teleconference; during the last meeting, over twenty-six Knights participated. Regular programs continue; recently, for example, donations for charities in Nigeria were raised.

**Saint John Fisher Council 16499**

Grand Knight: Shawn Williams

Financial Secretary: James Guinivan

St. John Fisher Council is attached to St. Luke’s, a parish of the Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of Saint Peter. The Council has spent the bulk of the fraternal year adjusting to its new surrounding at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Fort Washington/Oxon Hill, MD. A new roster of officers was finalized towards the end of 2019, and the Council has set about hosting events to help build community at the co-parish. Last summer, for example, the Council co-hosted a pig roast on a parish clean-up day, and earlier this year, it revived a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper tradition that had not happened in nearly ten years. Council leadership strives to cooperate with Knights from a nearby council who are parishioners at St. Ignatius. Brothers remain extremely active in parish ministry, serving as catechists, acolytes, and in other lay leadership positions. In February 2020, Supreme communicated its decision that the Council will transfer jurisdictional affiliation; effective July 1, 2020, St. John Fisher will become a Maryland council.

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Respectfully submitted,



Ryan P. Mulvey, Esq., DD, PGK

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**MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE NUMBERS (as of Apr. 1, 2020)**

<b>Council No.</b>	<b>Membership</b>		<b>Insurance</b>	
	<i>Additions</i>	<i>Deductions</i>	<i>Additions</i>	<i>Deductions</i>
4944	+2	0	+1	-1
7530	0	0	0	-1
10008	+11	0	0	0
11496	0	0	0	0
16499	0	0	0	0