KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT FOR DISTRICT 3
District of Columbia State Council

April 2021

DISTRICT SUMMARY

Vivat Iesus!

The fraternal year for District 3 has been generally successful, if also difficult. The pandemic has lasted much longer than expected and, consequently, continues to impact regular parochial life. Membership and programs are difficult to sustain in this environment, especially for smaller councils or those with aging membership. At the same time, the past year has presented a unique opportunity for fraternity and creativity in our expression of Columbianism. The district's councils continue to offer a visible witness to the charitable spirit of our Order by organizing parish maintenance projects, hosting spiritual retreats, and collecting material goods and money for worthy causes, such as crisis pregnancy centers or aid for the Church abroad. Membership growth admittedly has been subdued, but one council—St. Cyprian 10008—has recruited *seven* new Knights, thus achieving approximately 233% of its annual quota. District 3 looks forward to transitioning back to in-person meetings and activities. In terms of improvement for the coming fraternal year, its councils will need to focus on retention (and inviting back inactive members), as well as growth. The "return to normal" once the pandemic is finally over will hopefully be a springtime for the Order.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Immaculate Conception Shrine Council 4944

Grand Knight: Arthur Robinson
Financial Secretary: Thomas Jones

Outstanding/Delinquent Matters:

- Appointment & Safe Environment Training - Community Director

Shrine Council has long and venerable history in our jurisdiction. The pandemic, however, has severely impacted programs. Meetings are being held virtually but with positive turnout. The brothers stay in close contact over the phone and have made a special effort to support each other during the pandemic. Although there is no active effort to recruit or retain members, the council leadership stays in touch with the assigned field agent for insurance purposes. The pandemic has impacted the council's regular schedule of programs and charitable activities, which is all the more difficult given its older membership, but the council did participate in "Coats for Kids." Shrine Council also continues to stay involved indirectly with long-term plans for revitalizing the dormant Howard University Council.

Saint Josaphat Council 7530
Grand Knight: Wayne Dzwonchyk
Financial Secretary: James Salandro

Outstanding/Delinquent Matters:

- Appointment & Safe Environment Training - Community Director

St. Josaphat Council has focused heavily on scheduling programs and other charitable activities at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family. This has included parish work/clean-up days. The council hosted a parish-wide drive to collect supplies for expectant mothers and newborns, as well as monetary donations, for the Front Royal Pregnancy Center. This was an extremely successful event. The brothers were able to purchase six car seats and delivered a four-car caravan of clothes, diapers, and formula. The members stay in regular touch with the homebound, as well as widows of brother knights. The council has focused less on recruitment, although it has gained one online member and is working to transfer an existing member from Maryland. The council plans to begin the process of "cleaning up" its roster and contacting inactive members, such as former seminarians who have since moved from the DC area. Monthly business meetings have been held in-person since the fall of 2020. The council has a number of active clergy, including the pastor (who also serves as rector of St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary), the Dean of Theology at Catholic University of America, and a retired auxiliary bishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia. A new field agent was recently assigned to the council to serve its insurance needs.

Saint Cyprian Council 10008
Grand Knight: James Mazol
Financial Secretary: Joseph Gigliotti

Outstanding/Delinquent Matters:

- Semiannual Council Audit Report (Form #1295)

St. Cyprian Council has had a very active fraternal year, both in terms of programs and recruitment. Meetings are being held virtually, and the council recently switched to one business meeting per month, with a second meeting for officers. Plans are underway to switch to a dual in-person/virtual format. The council continues its excellent growth with +7 members this fraternally year, or approximately 233% of its quota. As pandemic restrictions start to relax, the council plans to focus heavy on recruitment, bringing new brothers into leadership roles, and sponsoring fraternal/social/family events. Service programs have included regular maintenance and parish beautification efforts. The council also hosted an "Exodus 90" spiritual exercises group earlier in the year. This council is expected to be a "Star Council" for 2020-2021.

Blessed Tansi Council 11496
Grand Knight: Linus Ufomadu
Financial Secretary: Babie Orusakwe

Outstanding/Delinquent Matters:

- Service Program Personnel Report (Form #365)
- Appointment & Safe Environment Training - Program Director

- Appointment & Safe Environment Training - Community Director
- Appointment & Safe Environment Training - Family Director

Blessed Tansi Council is holding active business meetings twice a month, although only virtually. The meetings are well attended. Aggressive recruitment plans are on hold while the council attempts to "clean up" its roster due to a large number of brothers who have moved back to Africa, or who are deceased. That being said, the council has gained two members. In terms of programs, the council has completed multiple projects to provide charitable aid to the Catholic community in Nigeria. This has led to press coverage about the Knights. The council also has provided aid to a crisis pregnancy center in Washington on Maryland Avenue, and it has hosted two spiritual retreats.

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Respectfully submitted,

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MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE NUMBERS (as of Apr. 17, 2020)

Council No.	Membership		Insurance	
	Additions	*Deductions*	*Additions*	*Deductions*
4944	0	0	0	-1
7530	(+1)	0	0	0
10008	+7	0	0	-1
11496	+2	0	+1	-1