

Memorandum



To: Christopher Pierno, State Deputy
From: Patrick Burke, State Ceremonial's Director
Date: March 24, 2022
Re: 2021-2022 Fraternal Year Report

I. Summary

The District of Columbia State Council ("State") and Local Councils have held nine Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity ("Exemplifications") during the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year ("Fraternal Year").¹ This does not include an additional three State sponsored Exemplifications which are scheduled to occur before the conclusion of the Fraternal Year or any other Local Council Exemplifications which have not been reported to the State. An estimated total of fifteen to twenty Exemplifications have/will occur in the District of Columbia during the Fraternal Year.

During the first half of the Fraternal Year, Ceremonials focused on encouraging Exemplifications on the Local Council level. This was in light of the Exemplification guidance provided by the Supreme Council. Specifically, Exemplifications should ideally occur in the local parish church, after a parish Mass, and in front of the candidate's family, friend, and parish community. Many Local Councils did hold Exemplifications in their local parishes. Unfortunately, efforts to promulgate information about these Exemplifications to the larger State Council community met with limited success.

During the second half of the Fraternal Year, Ceremonials focused on holding traditional State sponsored Exemplifications. This met with great success with a total of five Exemplifications scheduled to occur in six months. These Exemplifications have/will occur at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine. Most of these Exemplifications were held on the weekend and included a Mass. Several were held on weeknights to provide other opportunities for new members. Through these Exemplifications a great number of men have joined the Order.

Moving forward, Ceremonials recommend a closer working relationship with the District Deputies and Local Council leaders to manage Exemplifications. Every effort should be made to limit, but not eliminate, State sponsored degrees and to increase Local Council Exemplifications.

In conclusion, despite initial issues and continuing COVID-19 pandemic limitations, Ceremonials has had a strong year. Vivat Jesus!

¹ The numbers provided are as of the date of this Memorandum, March 24, 2022.

II. 2021-2022 Fraternal Year Exemplifications²

Date	Council	District	New Members
07/24/2021	State	1	2
09/17/2021	Council #6375	5	19
09/18/2021	Council #9542	5	10
10/04/2021	Council #9542	5	8
10/19/2021	Council #13242	5	4
01/29/2023	Council #16773	2	6
02/09/2022	Council 9542	4	4
02/20/2022	Council #7530	1	2
03/19/2022	State	3	2
03/28/22	State	3	TBD
05/25/22	State	2	TBD
06/25/22	State	1	TBD

² Listed Exemplifications reflect those either held by or reported to the State Council and do not necessarily reflect all Exemplifications which occurred within the District of Columbia during the Fraternal year.