

# **DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT FOR DISTRICT 3 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STATE COUNCIL**

APRIL 30, 2022

## **DISTRICT SUMMARY**

Overall, District 3 had a successful fraternal year, particularly given the continued restrictions and concerns surrounding COVID. Many councils met in-person and restarted charitable and fraternal activities that they had suspended for COVID-related reasons. In terms of growth and retention, most councils took full advantage of the new Affiliate Membership program to rationalize their membership rolls and identify core membership. As of April 1, 2022, District 3 collectively achieved 63 percent of its membership quota (17 of 27 new members).

In terms of areas to improve, the smaller councils will need to focus on identifying capable and motivated core leadership teams dedicated to carrying out the mission of the Order. Cadres of younger leadership are essential for these councils to survive the problems inherent to aging and declining memberships and parishes. The larger councils in District 3 will need to focus on leadership development and consistent, worthwhile fraternal and charitable programming. These councils will also need to focus heavily on building strong relationships with their respective home parishes and actively promoting their good works.

## **COUNCIL UPDATES**

### **POTOMAC COUNCIL 433**

**GRAND KNIGHT: Terence Fitzgerald**

Potomac Council has benefited from the energetic leadership of Grand Knight, Terence Fitzgerald. Potomac took advantage of the affiliate membership program to significantly reduce its rolls. Notwithstanding the impact of the affiliate program, the council is expected to meet a very high quota of 13 new members. Despite this unrealistic figure, the Council brought in a net of four new members. Potomac hosts regular council meetings, but attendance seems to suffer from the fact that some members live outside DC and others are uncomfortable with in-person gatherings. Under the GK's direction, the council held well-organized and meaningful charitable programs, notably Catholic Charities homeless dinner meal services and helping out the Missionaries of Charity with their landscaping/ gardening. Potomac has developed a good relationship with the pastor at St. Patrick's and this seems to have potential for real growth opportunities among younger members. The council should focus on leadership development, particularly identifying and growing leaders who can help the GK organize and execute programs and recruit younger members.

**BYRNE COUNCIL 3877****GRAND KNIGHT: Jonathan Crittenden**

Byrne Council has benefited from the leadership of Grand Knight, Jonathan Crittenden. In particular, the Grand Knight has taken up the tedious, time-consuming tasks of getting the Council's paperwork in order, notably with respect to council audits. Byrne's quota is nine, which is much too high. The council added one new member. Given the circumstances facing the council, adding one new member should be applauded. The council's membership is older and its parishes seem to be declining too. The focus here should be two-fold. First, ensuring that all reports and documents are up to date and submitted to keep the council in good standing and free up officers to recruit and carry out programs. Second, a vigorous search for new, younger members willing to take up leadership roles.

**ST. CYPRIAN COUNCIL 10008****GRAND KNIGHT: James Mazol**

St. Cyprian Council took full advantage of the affiliate program and bested its quota of four new members by one, adding five. The council's programs focused on a significant fundraising effort to make security and other improvements to Holy Comforter Church and the SSVM convent. St. Cyprian has maintained a steady cadence of roughly one fraternal and one charitable event per month with a few exceptions. The biggest challenge facing this council is the fact that many of its active members have or will be moving out of DC in the near-term. In effect, this will create a very difficult transition into the next fraternal year. As part of its strategy, the Council established a Roundtable at Belmont House on Capitol Hill (owned by Belmont Abbey College). We hope that the Roundtable can be used for two purposes. First, providing a "landing spot" for current, active St. Cyprian members moving out of the District, but who do not want to join a Virginia- or Maryland-based council. Second, as a recruiting ground for young professionals on Capitol Hill.

**O'BOYLE COUNCIL 11302****GRAND KNIGHT: James Marafino**

O'Boyle Council continued its record of strong leadership, membership growth, and impactful programming. Notable programs include well-attended Nats Mass and Coats for Kids. The council is organized, meets regularly, and keeps members well-informed. It has solid relationships with the many parishes it serves. The key for O'Boyle will be developing a cadre of members willing to take on leadership roles.

**SACRED HEART COUNCIL 16215****GRAND KNIGHT: Duong Nguyen**

Sacred Heart Council struggles with organizing a council meeting because of continued covid sensitivities and the nature of its members' jobs. The Council has done a good job – in spite of these difficulties – of getting its paperwork done. I recommend that the State Council spend time working with the Council to evaluate its prospects and plan for the year ahead.

Awards Progress								
		Month to Date			Year to Date			
	Quota	Gain	Loss	Net	Gain	Loss	Net	%
<b>MBR</b>	27	2	0	2	20	3	17	63
<b>INS</b>	0	0	0	0	1	3	-2	

Respectfully Submitted,

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