



DISTRICT DEPUTY REPORT FOR DISTRICT 1
District of Columbia State Council

123rd State Convention - April 2022

DISTRICT SUMMARY

The Fraternal Year for District 1 has been relatively successful, on the whole, if also difficult. With many pandemic restrictions disappearing at the end of the last calendar year, councils were able to return to in-person meetings and programs. A few councils, however, have continued to operate in “hybrid” mode or in “virtual” fashion, either due to continued parochial restrictions or the distinct needs of the council membership.

District 1’s councils have given visible witness to the charitable spirit of our Order. Activities have been varied, including spiritual retreats, pregnancy support efforts, and fundraisers for charitable projects at home and in foreign countries. Recruitment has been subdued, but Washington Council 224 has witnessed phenomenal growth. Nearly all councils at least tried to grow. Relatedly, all of the councils participated in the affiliate membership pilot program, which proved to be extremely helpful in “cleaning up” rosters. The new quotas and per capita rates, which will reflect the transfer of inactive members to affiliate status, should prove welcome. At least three council are expected to make Star.

District 1 looks forward to Fraternal Year 2022–2023. Councils will need to focus on retention (and inviting back inactive members), as well as growth. A few councils are in need of special attention vis-à-vis compliance and catching up on submissions to Supreme. Our Columbian leaders must be engaged, self-motivating, active, and present.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Washington Council 224

Grand Knight: Steven Brian Mudd

Financial Secretary: Andrew Gorman

Outstanding/Delinquent Matters:

- Safe Environment Training - Grand Knight

Washington Council has long and venerable history in the jurisdiction. This year it celebrates its 125th anniversary. The council has continued with regular programming and business meetings, including in virtual format, despite the continued pandemic. The council has worked to promote fraternal benefits seminars and, thus, the Order’s insurance services. More than anything, Washington Council has witnessed impressive growth aboard through its “roundtable” group in Beirut, Lebanon.

Saint Anthony's Council 417

Grand Knight: James Bennett

Financial Secretary: Jeffrey Jones

Outstanding/Delinquent Matters:

- F365 - Service Program Personnel Report
- F1728 - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity
- Safe Environment Training - Grand Knight,
- Safe Environment Training - Program Director
- Safe Environment Training - Community Director
- Safe Environment Training - Family Director
- Semi-Annual Audit(s)

Saint Anthony's Council has been working to strengthen its programming, both charitable and social, and to revitalize the membership. It is in the midst of an extended process of ensuring compliance with its reporting obligations to Supreme. Council leadership is committed to Saint Anthony's being active and engaged with the rest of the jurisdiction.

Saint Josaphat Council 7530

Grand Knight: Wayne Dzwonchyk

Financial Secretary: James Salandro

Outstanding/Delinquent Matters:

- NONE

Saint Josaphat Council is active. It resumed meeting in-person at the end of last summer. Although overall attendance and participation rates in council programming is low, there is a strong dedicated core of members who are visible in the parish. The council held a Delta Church Drive and in-person exemplification of the combined degree; it recruited two members. An additional online member is expected to transfer into the council in short order. Key programs conducted in the past year include hosting a special travelling exhibition of sacred relics and raising supplies for the Front Royal Pregnancy Center. The members stay in touch with the homebound, including widows of brother Knights. Recently, the council hosted a small Lenten dinner on the Feast of the Annunciation to mark its 40th anniversary, which had to be cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic.

Saint Martin de Porres Council 9386

Grand Knight: Byron Wilson, Jr.

Financial Secretary: Ray Crawford

Outstanding/Delinquent Matters:

- F185 - Report of Officers Chosen
- F365 - Service Program Personnel Report
- F1728 - Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity
- Safe Environment Training - Grand Knight
- Safe Environment Training - Program Director
- Safe Environment Training - Community Director
- Safe Environment Training - Family Director

- Semi-Annual Audit(s)

Saint Martin de Porres Council has not been active in district meetings. It is understood that the council's programming has been minimal; the membership may not be meeting regularly, either virtually or in-person. Efforts have long been made to encourage leadership to bring the council into compliance, submit necessary forms to Supreme, and ensure the continued viability of the council.

Blessed Tansi Council 11496

Grand Knight: Everistus Nwaogu

Financial Secretary: Chukwuma Okorie

Outstanding/Delinquent Matters:

- Safe Environment Training - Program Director
- Safe Environment Training - Community Director
- Safe Environment Training - Family Director
- Semi-Annual Audit

Blessed Tansi Council is hard-working and engaged. Despite the pandemic, the council meets virtually multiple times a month and organizing various programs at home (*e.g.*, crisis pregnancy centers, highway clean-ups) and abroad (*e.g.*, disabled veterans on the Oji River, orphanages, *etc.*). At present, the council is undertaking a significant project to raise \$10,000 to benefit Christians suffering great persecution and displacement in Nigeria due to the activities of Boko Haram and others. Efforts continue to clean-up the membership roster and maximize retention before turning to more robust recruitment.

Blessed Karl of Austria Council 17834

Grand Knight: Julius Jackson

Financial Secretary: Otto Heck

Outstanding/Delinquent Matters:

- Safe Environment Training - Family Director

Blessed Karl of Austria is the newest council in the jurisdiction, yet already it has proven to be engaged and eager to grow and serve its parish (and surrounding) community. The council has recruited five new members to the Order and organized several charitable and spiritual projects. The leadership and membership is dedicated. A date in the near future will be chosen to celebrate the bestowal of the council's charter from Supreme.

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Vivat Iesus!

Respectfully submitted,



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MEMBERSHIP AND INSURANCE NUMBERS (as of Apr. 22, 2022)

Council No.	Membership		Insurance	
	<i>Additions</i>	<i>Deductions</i>	<i>Additions</i>	<i>Deductions</i>
224	+14	-1	0	-2
417	0	0	0	0
7530	+2	0	0	0
9386	0	0	0	0
11496	0	0	0	-2
17834	+5	0	0	0