

Memorandum



To: Christopher Pierno, State Deputy
From: Patrick Burke, State Program Director
Date: April 25, 2023
Re: 2022-2023 Fraternal Year Report

The District of Columbia State Council (“State”) has during the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year (“Fraternal Year”) held a variety of excellent programs. This does not include Council run programs which the State supported in a variety of ways.

Boxes of Joy - November 7th, 2022 (Service Event)

The members of the State Council, including State officers, directors, and Council officers, donated toys and school supplies to the Box of Joy program. Then during the regular Fall State meeting the State Council members worked together to package these donations for needy children around the world.

Coats for Kids - November 25, 2022 (Community Event)

The 2022 Coats for Kids program was a huge success! The coat distribution was held at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in southeast D.C. With the assistance of more than three dozen volunteers, including brother Knights, their families, members of the community, D.C. Police Officers, and His Eminence Cardinal Gregory, two thousand five hundred coats were distributed to the D.C. Community!

Life Fest - January 20, 2023 (Life Event)

The Knights of Columbus supported the Sisters of Life in hosting the first ever “Life Fest.” Life Fest was a pre-March For Life rally, sponsored by the Order, featuring dynamic speakers, music, Holy Mass and more. Life Fest took place the morning of the March for Life at 1100 Oak Dr SE, Washington, DC 20032. The State provided volunteers to assist with this event.

Founder’s Day Celebration - March 29, 2023 (Faith Event)

This Founder’s Day the State gathered together to celebrate our founding with a Holy Hour, Mass, and fraternal reception. In doing so the State brought together Knights from across the District to honor the anniversary of the founding of our Order centered around the most important aspect of our Order, a commitment and love of the Eucharist.

Baby Shower for Mary - May 20, 2023 (Faith and Service Event)

The Baby Shower for Mary is an annual event primarily planned by and for the DC Knight’s Ladies. Ladies attend a Mass and luncheon which is set-up as a baby shower. Gifts are brought which are then donated to the DC Diaper Bank.

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To: Christopher Pierno, State Deputy
From: Patrick Burke, State Ceremonials Director
Date: April 22, 2023
Re: 2022-2023 Fraternal Year Report

I. Summary

The District of Columbia State Council (“State”) has held three Exemplifications of Charity, Unity, and Fraternity (“Exemplifications”) during the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year (“Fraternal Year”).¹ This does not include Council run Exemplifications which the State supported or any other Council run Exemplifications. An estimated total of fifteen to twenty Exemplifications have/will occur in the District during the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year.

II. State Council Exemplifications

The State sponsored three Exemplification, one a quarter thus far, this year. These were held at St. John Paul II National Shrine and were open to the entire jurisdiction.

Date	District	New Members
09/10/2022	1	12
12/10/2022	2	6
03/25/2023	3	1

I. Local Council Exemplifications

This Fraternal Year, Ceremonials continued its focus on encouraging Exemplifications by local Councils. Exemplifications should ideally occur in the parish, after a Mass, and in presence of the candidate's family, friend, and the parish community. To encourage this local Exemplifications, Ceremonials created three traveling Exemplification kits. These kits contain everything a Council needs to run an Exemplification. Several councils took advantage of these kits running a total of nine degrees with the Exemplification Kits.

Moving forward, Ceremonials recommends: (1) State sponsored Exemplification remain limited to once a quarter with additions as needed; (2) a closer working relationship with the District Deputies and Local Council leaders to manage Exemplifications; (3) a continued use of the Exemplification kits as well as any other effort available to encourage local Council Exemplifications.

¹ The numbers provided are as of the date of this Memorandum, April 18, 2023.