



Knights of Columbus

District of Columbia State Council

STATE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR REPORT FOR THE 127TH STATE CONVENTION

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At the beginning of the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year, the Supreme Council assigned the District of Columbia a membership intake goal of 200. With reductions received from bringing in members through eMembership and other incentive programs from the Supreme Council, our ultimate intake goal was reduced over time to 184 (which includes 7 out-of-state online members whom we received credit for by a reduction in our goal). As of the writing of this report, we are officially recognized by the Supreme Council to be at 109 or just about 60% to goal.



However, we are aware that DC does not receive automatic credit for members who join online without a DC address. When you include the 17 members who are in this basket, *our intake number stands at 126 or 68% to goal*.

We recognize that this year was not as successful in membership growth compared to 2024-2025. However, there are many things we can look back to see that we have achieved our own goal of being ALL-IN for membership growth. Sixteen out of twenty-one councils in our jurisdiction were membership active this fraternal year, over 75% of councils - which is the most in recent memory.

We do not bring in new members to meet intake goals or receive awards. We bring in new members to ensure that the Knights of Columbus continues to thrive and survive in the District of Columbia. I am happy to report that we did exceptionally well towards our goal of making our councils, communities, parishes, and campus stronger. **Congratulations to the councils who have grown by at least one new member as of the writing of this report:**

Washington Council 224
Keane Council 353
St. Anthony Council 417
Potomac Council 433 *
Bishop Byrne Council 3877
Georgetown Univ. Council 6375 *
St. Josaphat Council 7530
Catholic Univ. Council 9542 *

Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle Council 11302 *
Bl. Tansi Nigerian Council 11496 *
St. Thomas More Council 11578
George Washington Univ. Council 13242 *
St. Michael the Archangel Council 14823
San Oscar Romero Council 15795
St. John Paul II Council 16773
Divine Mercy African Council 17611 *

** Indicates council has met or exceeded membership growth goal as of this report.*

Kudos to everyone who contributed to this herculean effort! Thank you for being ALL-IN on membership and therefore being **ALL-IN for Christ** - bringing men into the order so they can be better fathers, brothers, husbands, grandfathers, sons, and ultimately apostles of Christ.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES

With the support of the Supreme Council, we conducted several incentives aimed at growing the order in DC.

ALL-IN FAST START: First Quarter [July 1-Sept 30]

- 10 councils received \$100 cash prizes for recruiting at least 1 new member before September 30. One council received \$200 for bringing in a member this FY without bringing in any new member last FY. There were 56 new members invited and recruited in Qtr 1.

ALL-IN FOR GROWTH: Second Quarter+ [Oct 1-Jan 31]

- One parish council and one college council won a \$500 raffle prize. There were 37 new members invited and recruited in Qtr 2.
- This incentive was extended to January 31, 2026.

Third and Fourth Quarters [Jan 1-Jun 30]

- All things being considered when reviewing membership intake data and trends, it was decided to use the funds originally earmarked for incentives for the third and fourth quarters of this fraternal year in the next fraternal year.
- As of this report, over 30 members have been brought into the order in the third and fourth quarters of this fraternal year.

Membership growth is never about numbers. Why is it that we continue to pour our time and energy into the Order? That kind of passion is what we need to share with others, showing them that this isn't another club to join - it is a life-altering decision that will impact you for the rest of your life. It is a brotherhood bound by Faith, united in a common cause to make our communities and parishes better than we found them, and ultimately to accompany each other on the journey to salvation.

It has been an honor to serve as Membership Director for the District of Columbia these last two years. I remain committed to working with each council until the end of this fraternal year and beyond. May Blessed Michael McGivney guide our efforts and intercede for our intentions.

Vivat Jesus!

Respectfully Submitted,



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