

Report of District #3, District of Columbia
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Introduction

The Councils of District Three—especially the three College Councils at the Catholic University of America, Georgetown University, and the George Washington University—have had a good year. Recruitment and programming have been strong, and I am particularly happy to see that the George Washington Council (#13242) seems to be operating more steadily than it has in several recent years. Collaboration between the Colleges has been noteworthy as well: in addition to the traditional KnightsBowl football game (which they also invited the University of Maryland Council to this year), the Councils were very thankful to Jon Rock for recently hosting a College Council-focused Fraternal Benefits Event; and I know the Grand Knights communicate among themselves for advice on matters pertaining to their respective Councils. I hope to see these recruiting, programming, and collaboration trends continue next year.

Georgetown University Council #6375

Georgetown University Council #6375, led by Grand Knights Hans Guenther (in the fall) and Andrew Cimmino (in the spring), had a successful year of programming. This included participating in the campus' All Saints Day celebration, a Lenten retreat, and continuing their tradition of annually cleaning the graves of Jesuits buried on campus.

Recruitment remains high at Georgetown, and they brought in 350% of their quota.

St. Josaphat #7530

St. Josaphat Council, led by Grand Knight Wayne Dzwonchyk, added three new members to its rolls this fraternal year.

Of note, the Council is particularly excited that one of these new members is the Ukrainian Catholic Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia, Borys Gudziak, who joined St. Josaphat Council in a private ceremony with the Supreme Knight when he visited New Haven in December of 2025.

The Catholic University of America Council #9542

The Catholic University of America Council #9542, led by Grand Knight Justin Caulfield, had a busy year for programming, once again hosting a Baby Bottle Drive fundraiser to benefit the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center, a weekly Monday Knights Mass, weekly rosaries, a pancake breakfast, and multiple fraternal events. The relationship between the Council and the University, especially the Campus Ministry Office, remains vibrant as well.

Recruitment was a matter of concern. While above quota, at ~153%, CUA Council fell well behind what we have come to expect (last year they were at 313%). While it has been expressed

to me that this might be downstream of a general apathy among the current freshman class towards student organization membership, I hope the incoming leadership team will devote time before classes resume in the fall to reconsider outreach strategies.

The George Washington University #13242

The George Washington University Council #13242, led by Grand Knight Peter Loh, had its best year in recent memory. It hosted several pancake breakfasts, a fall semester retreat, and both a Gala and a spiritual hike in the spring semester,

Recruitment was also a cause for celebration this year: the Council added 340% of its quota to its ranks.

I have no concerns about how the George Washington University Council is running as of the date of this Convention; I do hope they will make concerted efforts to keep the successes and momentum of this year going into next year and beyond.

John Paul II Shrine #16773

John Paul II Shrine Council #16773, led by Grand Knight Tim Saccoccia, added one new member this fraternal year.

Unfortunately, Shrine Council was briefly suspended by the Supreme Council in the fall. The Council worked efficiently with Supreme to remedy the issue and lift the suspension.

Conclusion

This was a successful fraternal year for District Three, and the five Councils have much to be proud of. Recruitment for CUA and Shrine Council's brief suspension were the greatest hurdles this year, but I am confident that both Councils have already thought about how to avoid these going into next year.

I trust all five Councils will use the summer to reflect on their successes this year and generate plans for how to continue them into next year.