



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

District of Columbia State Council

MEMORANDUM

TO: Nicholas Shields, State Deputy

FROM: Robert Simpson, District Deputy #2

DATE: April 22, 2026

RE: 2025-2026 District #2 Report

Council #224 (Washington)

Washington Council is in good standing. It is current with the State and Supreme per capita payments; the Safe Environment; and it has submitted forms 185, 365, and 1728.

The Council was close to meeting its membership goal. They recruited 6 new members out of the goal of 11 new members.

The Council is very active in both of their parishes. Just of a few of the many Council activities include Keep Christ in Christmas, Food for Families, Global Wheelchair, Habitat for Humanity, and providing donuts and coffee after the masses every Sunday.

Council leadership holds regular meetings every other Tuesday. The members are involved in a program and/or activity almost every week of the year.

Council #353 (Keane)

Keane Council is in good standing. It is current with the State and Supreme per capita payments; the Safe Environment; and it has submitted forms 185, 365, and 1728.

The Council was close to meeting its membership goal. They reached 7 new members out of the goal of 11 new members. The Council held multiple membership drives.

The Council was very active in the community. It held a weekly fish fry during Lent; a Turkey raffle preceding Thanksgiving, Coats for Kids prior to Christmas, and a Family Fund Night at the beginning of the Easter season.

Council leadership held regular business meetings and social meetings. Members regularly suggested and implemented new programs. Additionally, the Council funded church renovations and assisted the pastor in many ways.

Council #4944 (Shrine)

Shrine Council is in good standing. It is current with the State and Supreme per capita payments; the Safe Environment; and it has submitted forms 185, 365, and 1728.

The Council has not met its membership goal. They recruited 1 new member out of the goal of 6 new members.

The Council was very active in the community. Just a few of their many programs included: The Sodality Reading of the Rosary, Knights Support of Holy Hour, Lenten Stations & Family Gatherings, Good Friday Involvement, Coats for Kids, Support of ASAP, and Special Olympics. Additionally, they held a fruit sale fundraiser.

Council leadership held regular business meetings and social meetings.

The Council was honored to have one of its members, Sir Knight LeRoy Jackson, featured in the November 2025 issue of the *Columbia*.

Council #11496 (Blessed Tansi)

Blessed Tansi Council is in good standing. It is current with the State and Supreme per capita payments; the Safe Environment; and it has submitted forms 185, 365, and 1728.

The Council has exceeded its membership goal. They recruited 7 new members, even though their goal was 5 new members.

The Council is very active in the community. Just a few of the many Council programs and activities include The Knight's Annual Retreat, Pilgrimage to St. John Paul II Shrine,

Implementing COR and Beyond COR, Food for Families, Winter Care to Our Community, Support to Pastor and Seminarian, Support to Life & the Unborn, Support to the Sick and Brother Knights.

The Council held regular business and social meetings.

Council #17611 (Divine Mercy)

Divine Mercy Council is in good standing. It is current with the State and Supreme per capita payments; the Safe Environment; and it has submitted forms 185, 365, and 1728.

The Council has exceeded its membership goal. They recruited 6 new members, even though their goal was 5 new members.

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The Council was very active in the community. Just a few of the many programs included: Annual Fatima Rosary, Monthly Friday Holy Hour, Family Prayer Night, Food For Families, Feeding of Poor & Orphans, Coats for Kids, Therapy for Pregnant Women, and Novena For Life.

The leadership held regular meetings.

Additional Observations

1. The role of the EFF Director needs to be given more attention. Councils need to invite the State Council EFF Director to give a presentation at their meetings.
2. Some of the Councils may need to find new events to recruit new members.
3. All of the Councils are excited about their activities. Their members have great ideas on ways to improve their programs and continue to look for new opportunities to serve God, their Council, and their community.