



REPORT OF THE STATE ADVOCATE District of Columbia State Council

127th State Convention - April 25 – 26, 2026

I. Procedural and Disciplinary Inquiries

The DC State Council has not received any disciplinary inquiries as of today, April 20, 2026.

This Fraternal year, my primary focus has been to provide assistance on all matters requiring training or procedural guidance. Each District Deputy and Grand Knight received group training and one-on-one assistance regarding the Safe Environment Program (SEP) training questions and general SEP compliance issues, upon request. Some of these requests include account resets, validation of contact information on file, general assistance with logging on for training sessions and how to navigate the Member Management tool for assignment of Directors.

II. Safe Environment Training Compliance

The Knights of Columbus Safe Environment Program is intended to protect youth from the risks of abuse and neglect. The program consists of a fraternal leader screening process, child abuse awareness training, and a reporting procedure in the event of any incidents of misconduct. Certain officers and directors are **required** to undergo Safe Environment training and, depending on their role, to provide authorization for a background check.

At the compilation of this report, of the 16 Active Councils in the jurisdiction (not including suspended councils), **three (3) or 18.75% of the Councils** are non-compliant, while **thirteen (13) councils or 81.25%**, are **fully compliant** with all Safe Environment requirements. Below is a list of all Active Councils and their current SEP compliance status:

	Council #	Council Name	District	SEP Compliance Status
1	11302	Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle Council	D1	Compliant
2	15795	San Oscar Romero Council	D1	Compliant
3	3877	Bishop Patrick Bryne Council	D1	Compliant
4	417	St. Anthony's Council	D1	Compliant
5	433	Potomac Council	D1	Compliant
6	11496	Bl. Fr. Cyprian Tansi Council	D2	Compliant
7	17611	Divine Mercy African Council	D2	Compliant
8	224	Washington Council	D2	Compliant
9	353	Keane Council	D2	Compliant
10	7530	St. Josephat Council	D3	Compliant
11	9542	Catholic University of America Council	D3	Compliant

12	4944	Immaculate Conception Shrine Council	D2	Compliant
13	13242	George Washington University Council	D2	Compliant
14	16773	St. John Paul II Council	D3	Not Compliant
15	6375	Georgetown University Council	D3	Not Compliant
16	16215	Sacred Heart Council	D6	Not Compliant

The distribution of compliant councils by district is as follows:

- District 1 - 5 councils (100%)
- District 2 - 6 councils (100%)
- District 3 - 2 councils (50%)
- District 4 - 0 councils
- District 5 - 0 councils
- District 6 - 0 council

Some Councils could be considered **partially compliant**, meaning that all Safe Environment positions have been appointed, but some individuals have not finished the required training and/or background check. The **non-compliant** Councils generally have yet to fill all required appointments, such as Grand Knight, Program Director, Community Director, and Family Director, or have yet to complete required training and background checks.

In conclusion, I encourage all District Deputies and Grand Knights, to proactively address all challenges impeding their ability to achieve full compliance with the Safe Environment Program requirements. This can be achieved by filling leadership positions with quality candidates and encouraging them to promptly complete both training and background checks, as required for their respective roles. They should also endeavor to avoid communication pitfalls, by ensuring that appointees regularly monitor their emails, to avoid any difficulties with receiving their personal credentials for accessing the designated website for SEP training. Finally, they are strongly urged to reach out to the State Advocate with any issues that they are unable to resolve. This will ensure prompt attention in addressing issues and alleviate delays in reaching full compliance, before the end of the fraternal year.

Fraternally Yours in Service,



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