

Your State Advocate: Jeff Emminger

Hi everyone, I'm **Jeff Emminger**, your State Advocate (advocate@indianakofc.org), and am focused on keeping our Indiana Jurisdiction compliant and secure. My responsibilities cover crucial areas, from protecting our youth to ensuring proper council operations.

Key Areas I Focus On

- **Safe Environment:** My top priority is protecting our children. Please visit **kofc.org/safe** for all Safe Environment resources. Please ensure that your councils Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, and Community Director for the 2025-2026 Fraternal Year have had their names submitted to Supreme on Form 185 (GK) and Form 365 (Directors) for this fraternal year and they are actively looking out for e-mails from donotreply@praesidiuminc.com.
- **Home Corporations:** If your council has a Home Corporation, please ensure you have **Terms-of-Use and Charitable Distribution agreements** in place (refer to Handbook #10155). Send new agreements to me. Remember, **Home Corps need their own incorporation, EIN, and insurance**, separate from your council.
- **Council Insurance:** Every Subordinate Council needs **its own insurance**. Lockton Affinity is a recommended and economical provider that the Officers Desk Reference suggests: **1-800-496-0288** or **councilinsuranceprogram.com**.
- **Annual Tax Reporting (Form 990):** Councils **must** file their Form 990 non-profit tax returns each year. Councils with less than \$50,000 income have a simple online option. Home corporations file separately with their own EIN.
- **Legal Matters:** Consult the **Officers Desk Reference** and the **Charter, Constitution, and Law booklet (Form 30)** for common issues. Contact me if further assistance is needed.
- **DO NOT Incorporate Your Council:** The Supreme Advocate's Office advises **against incorporating subordinate councils**, despite potential pressure from banks or state gaming commissions. I'm here to clarify if you have questions.