



# **Pennsylvania State Council Knights of Columbus Press Release**

## **123<sup>rd</sup> PA State Council Convention**

### **Dr. Kenneth E. Grugel, State Deputy**

The Pennsylvania State Council of the Knights of Columbus 123<sup>rd</sup> annual state convention was held on Saturday, May 22, 2021. The convention took place virtually. At 9 am prior to the official opening of the convention there was a Blessed Michael J. McGivney Prayer Hour. During the prayer hour the State Neurology Report was shown.

The convention was officially opened by our State Deputy, Dr. Kenneth E. Grugel at 10 am. Our State Chaplain Father Pierre “Bud” Falkenhan, Jr opened the convention with a prayer. This was followed by a few announcements by the State Deputy.

- Delegates with proper credential had the right to speak during the meeting.
- The minutes of the 2020 State Convention, all Committee Reports, Reports of Officers, Resolutions and the Budget for the next fraternal year were posted on the State Council website for review.
- The goal was to complete the required business in 90 minutes.
- State Secretary Ray McLaughlin and State Treasurer Mike Lynch will serve on the Credentials Committee.
- Past State Deputy Edward Ferraro, Esq. will serve as Parliamentarian.
- Former State Secretary and Public Relations Director Rick Terroni will serve on the Press Committee.

A video from Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly was played. This was followed by a report from General Agent Steve Hutek. The Deputy congratulated Jon Deakin of the Stice Agency for being named Insurance Agent of the Year! He mentioned that Jon is an 8 time qualifying member of the prestigious million dollar round table and a 4 time PA Agent of the Year!

The State Deputy stated that “without objection, the rules will be suspended and the following shortened order of business will be adopted”.

- Opening Prayer
- Appointment of Committee on Credentials
- Report of Committee on Credentials
- Approval of 2020 Minutes
- Reports of Committees
- Reports of State Officers
- Nomination and Election of State Officers
- Nomination and Election of Representatives and Alternates to the Supreme Convention
- Consideration of Resolutions
- New Business
- Closing Prayer
- Adjournment

- The minutes of the 2020 convention were Approved. State Treasurer Raymond McLaughlin asked State Deputy Dr. Ken Grugel for his annual report the State of the Order in Pennsylvania. State Deputy Dr. Ken Grugel asked State Chaplin Father “Bud” for his report. All reports were accepted as written and included in the minutes.

State Treasurer Raymond McLaughlin gave the report of the Credentials Committee of the revised number of delegates. This was accepted without rejection.

- State Officers 6
- Immediate Past State Deputy 1
- Past State Deputies 10
- Delegates 185
- Voting Alternates 22
- Total Voting Delegates 224

State Advocate George Schneider gave the Report for the Resolutions Committee which were adopted.

Next came the nominations and elections of State Officers for the 2021-2022 fraternal year. The following were nominated and elected:

- Raymond McLaughlin State Secretary
- Michael Lynch State Treasurer
- George Schneider State Advocate
- Anthony Ream State Warden
- Kenneth Grugel State Deputy

The next order of business was the nomination and election of delegates and alternate delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council to be held virtually on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as the Penn Stater Hotel and Conference Center located in State College, PA. The State Deputy and Immediate Past State Deputy are automatic delegates. The State Deputy called on State Warden Anthony Ream for the purpose of nomination.

The following brother knights were nominated and elected as Insurance Delegates:

- Joe Kubiak Central West
- Nicholas Marcantonio East
- Andrew Smith West
- Joseph Glayada North East

The following brother knights were nominated and elected as Associate Delegates:

- David Simms Central East
- Mark Kochanows East
- Adrian Gordon West
- Joseph D. Hussey, III North East

The following brother knights were nominated and elected as Insurance Alternate Delegates:

- James Bahm Central West
- Mark Dusing East
- Michael Morris West
- Robert Mayshock North East

The following brother knights were nominated and elected as Associate Alternate Delegates:

- Brian T. Smith            Central East
- Herb Kaemmer            East
- Anthony Valvo            West
- William Hallock           North East

The State Deputy called on State Treasurer Michael Lynch for his report on the Budget. The proposed budget for the 2021-2022 fraternal year was accepted.

The State Deputy recognized the Family of the Year. He congratulated the family of James M. Boyle, Jr who died on January 9, 2021. Brother Doyle was a member of St. Joseph Council #6353 in East York, PA.

The State Deputy then recognized Brother Jim Nardone, FDD for the purpose of making a report for the 2022 State Convention. The 2022 PA State Convention will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Pocono Mountains May 12-15, 2022.

The State Deputy thanked the media team members who worked so diligently for this year's virtual state convention. They are:

- Jim Nadone            Deputy Director for Communications and Web Master
- Brian Hallock            Deputy Director of Technology Services
- Gary Damich            Administrative Assistant to the State Deputy

The State Deputy then called on our State Chaplain to lead the prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael J. McGivney.

The State Deputy adjourned the meeting at 11 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Henry "Rick" Terroni FSS, State Public Relations Chairman