



The Pennsylvania State Council Knights of Columbus met for their 120th State Convention at the Harrisburg Hilton on May 4th – May 6th 2018.

A memorial mass honoring deceased members of the Councils in the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania was concelebrated by the State Chaplain, Rev. Lawrence W. Sherdel and Former State Chaplain Rev. Stanley Swacha and Rev. Gregory J. D'Emma the State Chaplain for the next administration on Friday evening.

The convention proceedings opened on Friday evening with a prayer from State Chaplain Rev. Lawrence W. Sherdel. And the pledge of allegiance given by Vice Supreme Master and PSD Wayne Freet. State Deputy Charles Vagnarelli announced that Supreme Secretary Michael J. O'Connor and his wife Pat would be our guests for the length of the convention representing Supreme Council.

State Deputy Charles Vagnarelli announced that PSD Ed Ferraro would be acting as Parliamentarian. State Secretary gave the current roll call for the convention. The State Deputy also assigned chairmen and members to the Communication, Credentials, Election, Steering, Resolution and Press Committees.

The reading of communications was done by State Chaplain Rev. Lawrence Sherdel.

The next order of business was the nomination of delegates and alternate delegates to the Supreme Convention to be held in Baltimore, MD. The delegates that were nominated were:

John Connor, Albert Bryson, John Bingham, Anthony Spataro, Andrew Bacha, Tom Pierson, Joseph Lander and Donald Stahl. Seven are insurance members.

The following alternate delegates were nominated:

John Gilmore, Carlos Medina, Clarence Halterman, , David Woods, David Simms, Edward Master, Joe Ferruzza, and Christopher Scott. All are insurance members.

Reports from the Chapters were then given.

The proceedings opened on Saturday with a video from our Supreme Knight, Carl Anderson.

Reports were given by the State Deputy Charles Vagnarelli, State Secretary Paul Sharum, State Treasurer Jeff Blaze, State Advocate Mike Kish, and State Warden Frank Rozzo. Immediate Past State Deputy Stanley Glowaski gave a report on the resolutions submitted by PA to the 2017 Supreme Convention.

Supreme Secretary Michael J. O'Connor brought greetings from the Supreme Council. He explained that it is important to recruit more members to continue assisting our church and performing charitable works

PSD Eric Johnson , MPC from Supreme Council, gave a report on new Supreme Programs. There will be 4 programs concerning Faith, Community, Family and Life. Eric also gave a report on online membership.

State Program Tom Hathaway gave a report on programs that are being done in the state.

Vice Supreme Master Wayne Freet gave an updated report on the ultrasound initiative, the Father McGivney Guild and the Patriotic Degree.

Reports were given for Ceremonials, COAL, Keep Christ in Christmas, Pro-Life, and the Education Foundation.

Representatives from the Insurance Department gave reports. The Insurance Agent of the Year was John Deacon.

State Chief Squire Evan Cambest gave an update on the activities of the Squires in Pennsylvania.

State Advocate Mike Kish read the resolutions that were submitted to the Resolutions Committee and all agreed with the Committee's recommendations for Acceptance or Rejection.

The convention mass was celebrated by Most Reverend Ronald William Gainer from the Diocese of Harrisburg. The concelebrants were State Chaplain Rev. Lawrence Sherdel , Former State Chaplain Rev. Stanley Swacha, State Chaplain for the next administration Rev. Gregory D'Emma and State Father Prior Rev. Edward Schleicher

At the convention banquet on Saturday evening the family of the year was announced. The family of the year was announced by the Family of the Year Chairman John Cocco. The Family of the Year for 2018 is Shawn and Jennifer Humes. Shawn is a member of Council 4262.

Sunday's proceedings opened with the presentation of the ARC Awards. The 2017 PA State Service Awards were presented. The 2017 Supreme Service Awards were also presented .

The following knights were nominated and elected for the PA State Council Officer' s positions for the next fraternal year – 2018-2019.

State Secretary	Jim Bahm	From the Central West Region
State Treasurer	Joe Paoletti	From the East Region
State Advocate	Lawrence Barkowski	From the West Region
State Warden	Bernard Ronald Butera	From the Northeast Region

The delegates and alternate delegates to the 2018 Supreme Convention that were nominated Friday evening were elected.

An election for State Deputy for the next fraternal year was done and Mark Jago from the Central East was elected.

Special Olympics Chairman David Schein gave a report on the 2019 PA Knights of Columbus State Council Convention which will be held in King of Prussia PA May 3 - May 5 2019.

Many thanks to the Central East Region for a great convention!

Thanks to my committee composed of Jim Szoszorek and Len Weckel and assistance taking photographs from FDD AJ Herr for all their help!

I'd like to thank the State Deputy for the opportunity to serve in the Jurisdiction of PA.

Faithfully Submitted,

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