



The Pennsylvania State Council Knights of Columbus met for their 118th State Convention at the Ambassador Conference Center in Erie, PA on May 13-15, 2016.

The convention opened on Friday evening by our State Deputy Stanley Glowaski who assigned brother knights to various committees.

Our State Chaplain Father Falkenhan acknowledged communications received from various members of the Clergy that could not attend the state convention because of other commitments but gave their wishes for a great convention.

The next order of business was the nomination of delegates and alternate delegates to the Supreme Convention to be held in Toronto, Canada in August 2016. The delegates that were nominated were:

James McCarthy, Michael DeLucia, George Beckes, Dennis Garrett, Don Granato, William Walborn, Thomas Rafferty, and Michael Rybacki. Seven are insurance members.

The following alternate delegates were nominated:

Joseph Paoletti, Leonard Weckel, Kenneth Rettger, Paul Sharum, James Straub, Ken Santoro, Thomas Walsh and James Maochi. 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.

State Deputy Stanley Glowaski gave a thorough report summarizing all that the State Council has accomplished this fraternal year and thanked all of his officers and chairman for their assistance. State Warden Fran O'Hara, State Advocate Ken Grugel, State Treasurer Richard Corriveau, and State Secretary Jim Bailoni also gave their reports.

Our Supreme Treasurer, Michael J. O'Connor gave his remarks. He thanked and recognized all those knights that worked on the 2016 Supreme Convention in Philadelphia, PA. He mentioned that he received many favorable remarks stating that it was one of the best Supreme Conventions! He also thanked all those knights that assisted with the World Meeting of Families and the Papal Visit which also was held in Philadelphia, PA.

Immediate Past State Deputy Eric Johnson gave a report of accepted resolutions that were sent from PA to the 2016 Supreme Convention. Eric was also recognized for his recent promotion to Manager of Fraternal Field Support at Supreme Headquarters.

State Membership Director, Jim Maochi thanked all the members of the State Council Membership Team. Jim mentioned that we have 61,749 members as of May 1, 2016. He stressed the importance of the work ahead in the next 45 days that would get the PA State Council to the Circle of Honor. There are more than 560 Councils in the state of Pennsylvania.

State Program Director, Gary Damish thanked and recognized all of his Program Chairman. Gary gave a high level presentation of the PA State Council Programs.

State Program Chairman Reports followed. John Meenan made moving comments on the need for Knights to be proud Catholics and proud Christians.

Art Ardire from the Knights of Columbus Agency Department gave a report for the Field Agents. He reported that the Knights of Columbus Insurance Department in Pennsylvania alone took in more than 8.4 billion in new business. Overall the Knights have over 100 billion dollars in insurance assets. John Hoolick was given the Field Agent of the Year Award.

State Chief Squire Stephen Pater spoke for the PA State Council Squires Circle. He joined the Squires in his freshman year of high school. He spoke about some of the things the Squires do. The Squires have raised and donated more than \$ 8,000.00 to St Jude. The State Chief Squire's goal was to increase membership and increase fund raising which was achieved. Stephen will be turning 18 the end of July and will not hesitate to join our Order!

State Advocate Ken Grugel read the resolutions that were submitted to the Resolutions Committee and gave the Committee's recommendations for Acceptance or Rejection.

Awards for participation in the ARC program were given out. Also Awards were given to various Councils for their participation in Community, Pro-Life, Family, Public Relations, Church, Youth and Council programs.

The convention mass was concelebrated by Bishop Lawrence Persico and Bishop Emeritus Donald Troutman along with our State Chaplain and Former State Chaplains.

It was announced at the end of the mass that Alex Hermann received the Outstanding Squire of the Year and Squire of the Body of Christ Awards. Alex will be making his first degree this year when he turns 18 and he will be entering the US Navy.

At the convention banquet on Saturday evening the family of the year was announced. The family of the year is Michael and Susan Schweichler. Michael is a member of Council 6191 – Father Simpson and Dwyer in Edinboro, PA.

The following knights were nominated and elected for the PA State Council Officer' s positions for the next fraternal year – 2016-2017.

State Warden	Frank J. Rozzo
State Advocate	Michael J. Kish
State Treasurer	Jeffrey C. Blaze
State Secretary	Paul J. Sharum
State Deputy	Charles J. Vagnarelli

The delegates and alternate delegates to the 2016 Supreme Convention that were nominated on Friday evening were elected on Sunday, May 15, 2016.

The 2017 PA K of C State Convention will be held at Kalahari resort in Mount Pocono.

Many thanks to the CENTRAL WEST for a great convention!

Thanks to my committee for their help.

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

Faithfully Submitted,

Rick Terroni, FSS