

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
119 PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONVENTION

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1 STATE DEPUTY: Voters, this is
2 meeting Friday, May the 19th, 2017. It is
3 my pleasure to now declare the 119th
4 Pennsylvania State Council Knights of
5 Columbus meeting now in session.

6 Please rise and greet our State
7 Chaplain, Father Larry Sherdel for the
8 opening prayer.

9 FATHER SHERDEL: To open our session,
10 we'll pray the State Prayer, the Act of
11 Faith. In the name of the Father and of the
12 Son and of the Holy Spirt, Amen.

13 Oh my God, I firmly believe that You
14 are one God in three divine Persons, Father,
15 Son and Holy Spirit. I believe that Your
16 divine Son became man, died for our sins,
17 and that He will come to judge the living
18 and the dead. I believe these and all the
19 truths which the Holy Catholic Church
20 teaches, because You have revealed them, Who
21 can neither deceive nor be deceived. Amen.

22 Mary, found of wisdom, pray for us.
23 In the name of the Father and of the Son and
24 the Holy Spirit. Amen.

25 STATE DEPUTY: Remain standing. At

1 this time, I would now call up on our past
2 State Deputy Wayne Freet, Vice Supreme
3 Master, to led us in the Pledge of
4 Allegiance.

5 (Pledge of Allegiance was said.)

6 STATE DEPUTY: Remain standing.
7 Thank you, Worthy Vice Supreme Master. Now,
8 I would ask my new council development from
9 the northeast, Joseph Jacobs, to lead us in
10 the opening oath.

11 (Opening Oath was sung.)

12 STATE DEPUTY: Brothers, let me
13 remind you that when you come to the
14 microphones, you are being recorded. So
15 please give your name, your council number,
16 so it would be recorded for our files for
17 doing the report at the end of this
18 convention.

19 My Brother Knights, the State Bylaws
20 provide that the State Secretary shall act
21 as the recorder of the convention. The
22 proceedings are being recorded for his
23 confidence by Brother James Nardone.
24 Delegates are requested to use the floor
25 microphone. When addressing the Chair,

1 clearly state your name, council number,
2 whether they are a delegate or an alternate
3 delegate.

4 The Chair requests that the State
5 Warden, Frank Rozzo, approach the rostrum.
6 Worthy Warden, do you vouch that all in the
7 Chamber are all in possession of a third
8 degree membership card?

9 STATE WARDEN: Warden for the State
10 Deputy, they all have a third degree
11 membership card.

12 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Worthy
13 Warden. If you have not done so, please
14 make sure that the business agenda has been
15 passed out to the delegates.

16 Brothers, it is my intention that
17 during this session this evening, that we
18 will cover Agendas from 1 to 9. We have a
19 busy agenda this weekend and I ask that
20 everyone be mindful of the schedule.

21 Now, the next piece of business I
22 would like to welcome to our convention the
23 Supreme Council's Advocate, John Morella and
24 a good friend. Brother John, we look
25 forward to your remarks tomorrow morning.

1 Now to the business at hand, the
2 following men are hereby appointed as Aids
3 to the State Warden. First name called
4 would be the Chairman of that committee,
5 Frank Rozzo, William Walburn, Joseph
6 Paoletti, Kevin Hillerman, Gary Novinskic,
7 Francis -- I'm sorry, he's not here today.
8 David Rosler, John George and Donald
9 Garnett. Those will be the Warden's
10 assistants.

11 During this convention, the Warden
12 or one of his aids will maintain a station
13 at the convention floor adjacent to the
14 right of the rostrum. If anyone wishes to
15 have any announcements or desires to have
16 information passed onto this Chair, please
17 hand the note to the person manning that
18 station for his transition to me. Your
19 cooperation in this regard will contribute
20 to an orderly convention.

21 At this time I also ask that all
22 former State Chaplains and past State
23 Deputies who are sitting in the alternate
24 sections, Worthy State Warden, would you
25 please escort them to the table that's set

1 up over there for them. Any past State
2 Deputies or Chaplains, please. Okay.

3 Brothers, let the record show that I
4 have appointed past State Deputy, R. Edward
5 Ferraro, as the Parliamentarian for this
6 convention. Agenda Item 5 states that the
7 State Secretary will give the temporary
8 rollcall. Please rise to greet our State
9 Secretary, Paul Sharum.

10 SECRETARY SHARUM: Thank you,
11 Brothers. At this point, we have one
12 supreme officer, five state officers, one
13 state chaplain, one immediate past state
14 deputy, one administrative assistant, one
15 supreme representative. We have seven past
16 state deputies, one former state chaplain,
17 16 former state officers, one vice supreme
18 master. Masters of the Fourth Degree, we
19 have three. Four former masters, four
20 faithful navigators, 40 past faithful
21 navigators.

22 State directors, we have three.
23 State chairman 34, chapter presidents four,
24 direct deputies 46, Hispanic strike team
25 one, former district deputies 33. We have

1 for council delegates, voting council
2 delegates 137, at this time. Voting
3 alternate delegates 46. We have four
4 general agents, nine field agents, five
5 education foundation and eight third degree
6 guests.

7 I do want -- a little paperwork they
8 were -- before we actually got open, there
9 was some district deputies people that
10 signed in. So any district deputy that
11 signed in, you need to fill out this form.
12 Basically, I need your name, your council
13 number and your signature at the bottom.

14 And the other thing is we were
15 passing, as you were signing in, we gave you
16 like a yellow sheet that said you must turn
17 in your hotel receipt to me on Sunday
18 morning or you will not be reimbursed. So
19 please, make sure if I happen to be out
20 somewhere, you know, after we're done, put
21 it up here at my place, I will get it.
22 Thank you.

23 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Worthy
24 State Secretary. The State Secretary will
25 make his report first thing tomorrow

1 morning. The next order of business is to
2 appoint committees. The first name read on
3 those committees will be the chairman.

4 Credentials Committee: Paul Sharum,
5 State Secretary; Michael Yunick, former
6 district deputy; Jim Abress, DD62; Dave
7 Simms DD65; Jim Shields DD115; James
8 Adamcheck, New Council Round Table, Chairman
9 of the West; Mark Jagel, former state
10 secretary and field agent.

11 When the convention committee gives
12 their report, the report will be presented
13 by the Chairman. It is expected that all
14 reports will be in the form of a motion so
15 that they may be seconded and voted upon by
16 the delegates. In addition, the report
17 shall be in writing and be signed by the
18 Chairman.

19 In the case of an audit, the report
20 shall be signed by the state auditor. The
21 signed report shall be given to the state
22 secretary for the inclusion and the official
23 convention proceedings.

24 Continuing on with the appointments,
25 Election Committee: Chairman John Cocco,

1 State Family Director; Michael Goodemote,
2 DD87, church director; Carlos Medina DD21;
3 John Ross DD106.

4 Steering Committee: Jack Rosetti,
5 membership chairman of the west; Matthew
6 Pizzatta DD92; Fred Clark DD20, Anthony
7 Valvo DD98. Resolution Committee: Mike
8 Kish, State Advocate; George Halcovage,
9 educational foundation member; Ralph J.
10 Trofino, former state advocate and ARC
11 chairman; Ken Krugel, Ph.D and former state
12 advocate and council director; Larry
13 Barkowski, awards foreman scholarship
14 chairman.

15 President Committee: Henry Terroni,
16 former state secretary and Keystone Knight
17 editor. Gregory Crohn DD109, Leonard
18 Wreckel DD28.

19 Brothers, this completes the
20 appointments of our convention committees.
21 I will also ask that the chairman of the
22 various committees to arrange their meeting
23 at their convenience and timely enough to
24 present their report on-call on the chair.
25 The various chairmen are also requested to

1 appraise the person manning the warden
2 station for their meeting location in the
3 event that they may be needed on the
4 convention floor.

5 The next order of business is Agenda
6 Item Number 7, the reading of communication
7 by the State Chaplain and former of Father
8 Larry Sherdel.

9 FATHER SHERDEL: Nothing.

10 STATE DEPUTY: Very good. Also at
11 this time, we will be passing out the budget
12 for the warden. Will you pass the budget
13 out, please. This budget is being handed
14 out for you to go over it. You have until
15 tomorrow to vote on this budget. I think
16 it's under Item 18.

17 We will now take up the nominations
18 of delegates to the Supreme Convention in
19 St. Louis Missouri, on August the 1st
20 through August the 3rd, 2017. I will hope
21 all nominators are seated in the section we
22 have requested for the them by the mic.

23 At this time I would also ask those
24 making chapter reports to be seated in the
25 closer to the mic designed by the state

1 warden. You were reminded that the
2 nominations will remain open until the
3 election. The election be held on the
4 closing section on Sunday. I also wanted to
5 remind you we are entitled to eight
6 delegates, which is the maximum number
7 allowed under Chapter 1, Section 7 under the
8 Constitution of the Knights of Columbus.

9 In addition, the state deputy and
10 the living past state deputy will be
11 residing in the jurisdiction are delegates
12 by virtue of their office. Delegates making
13 nominations must use the floor microphone,
14 give their name, council number, the
15 nominees number and council number and
16 whether he is an insurance or associate
17 member.

18 This is very important. The
19 nomination speeches are limited to two
20 minutes. No seconds are required.

21 Now, the Chair will now entertain a
22 nomination for the office of delegate to the
23 supreme convention. The Chair recognizes
24 for Joseph Paoletti from the east as a
25 delegate. Ron -- past state deputy, Ron

1 Kovich, please, rise.

2 RON KOVICH: Worthy State Deputy and
3 Chaplain. Can you hear me now?

4 STATE DEPUTY: Sounds like a
5 commercial.

6 RON KOVICH: All right. I'll be
7 loud enough. I rise to nominate a true
8 Knight and catholic gentleman to the
9 delegate of 2017 supreme convention to be
10 held in St. Louis, Missouri. He attended
11 St. Lawrence grade school until 6th grade.

12 After his father passed away, he
13 graduated from college and went to trade
14 school. And after graduation began working
15 for a general contractor specializing in
16 high-end residential remodeling.

17 He joined of southbound of 590 in
18 2003 and immediately became an active
19 member. He served on several committees and
20 rose to the office of grand knight. He
21 presently serves the council of --

22 (WHEREUPON, a portion of this was
23 inaudible.)

24 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, past
25 Deputy, Ron Kovich. The Chair now

1 recognizes Bill Paoletti for the purpose of
2 nominating Leonard Wreckel.

3 WILLIAM PETTIT: Good evening. I am
4 William Pettit, voting delegate for council
5 793. The gentleman that I rise to nominate
6 as for the delegate to the supreme
7 convention joined our ranks November 1st,
8 1969, in Kankakee, Illinois, and has been a
9 loyal Knight ever since.

10 By 1971, he took his first office in
11 the Knights rising in two years to the
12 office of grand knight in Boston,
13 Massachusetts area. He joined the fourth
14 degree in 1972. He also became a district
15 deputy in the mid-70's, then returning to
16 Reading, Pennsylvania area at the start of
17 1978.

18 In the beginning of 80s, he became a
19 core Corp Member for the first time and
20 continues to serve as the Color Corps to the
21 present time. In the Reading area, he again
22 rose to the rank of Grand Knight in Reading
23 Council 793, followed by serving as a
24 district deputy in Pennsylvania for two
25 years. He rose to faithful navigator in the

1 Pius Ninth Assembly after he became it's
2 color corps commander, a position he served
3 for ten years.

4 He has also served as marshal for
5 the Master Ron Kovich and has continued in
6 that role for 11 years.

7 Over the past 24 years, he's
8 attended all the state conventions and
9 exemplifications on Memorial Day weekend,
10 assisting the master and other state
11 officers at this these events. He also
12 served on the supreme convention committee
13 last year in Philadelphia.

14 This Knight is the proud father of
15 three sons and six grandchildren. And has
16 for the last 27 years been married to his
17 lovely lady, Brynn.

18 He's also active in his church,
19 serving in many volunteer positions
20 including usher, cub master, scout master
21 and assisting at fundraisers and with
22 service projects. He's also actively
23 involved in a number other community
24 organizations including the local German
25 Cultural Club, the Elks, Keystone Blood bank

1 and the all the youth soccer programs, both
2 as a director and referee.

3 I proudly nominate Leonard Wreckel
4 for the position of delegate to the supreme
5 convention. Len is an insurance member
6 since 1972.

7 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
8 Bill. The Chair now recognizes Tom Hathaway
9 for the purpose of nomination of Theodore
10 Zajac, Jr.

11 TOM HATHAWAY: Thank you, worthy
12 state deputy. I am the current program --
13 state program director, former district
14 deputy. My name is Tom Hathaway. I would
15 like to nominate for the 2017 convention
16 Theodore Zajac of Council 1473.

17 He's currently the grand knight.
18 He's been a knight for 30 years. He's an
19 insured member. He's married to his wife
20 Patricia. They have three children; two
21 daughters, Cindy and Patty, both school
22 teachers; one son Ted, III, who is a
23 veterinarian.

24 Ted is also a current financial
25 navigator of Assembly 3321 in Quakertown.

1 He's a retired police chief from the
2 Bensalem Police Force for 30 years. And he
3 was also a graduate of the FBI academy. I
4 proudly put in nominate Theodore Zajac.

5 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
6 Tom. The Chair now recognizes Robert Boyer
7 for the purposes of nomination for Tony
8 Zawzwecki.

9 ROBERT BOYER: Worthy State Deputy,
10 Robert Boyer, currently the Grand Knight
11 Council 15682. I nominate Tony Zawzwecki
12 for delegate at supreme convention. He's
13 from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. He has a wife
14 Joan, they have been married for 42 years.
15 One daughter, Jennifer, married. And they
16 have two grandchildren, Anthony and Regan.

17 Honorably served in the US Navy
18 during Vietnam, self-employed cabinet maker
19 for 37 years before retiring in 2009.

20 He's a life-long member of Sacred
21 Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, where he is
22 a choir member, lecturer, cantor and on
23 parish council. Though only a knight since
24 2011, he helped in the formation and is a
25 charter member of the Scared Heart Council

1 15682. And he's a past grand knight,
2 district warden and currently district
3 deputy of District 31 of the northeast. He
4 is an associate insurance member.

5 I proudly nominate Tony Zawzwecki.

6 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
7 Bob. The Chair now recognizes the twins,
8 Jerry Crowley and Louis Vallegas, for the
9 purpose of nominating Paul Sharum.

10 JERRY CROWLEY: Worthy State Deputy,
11 worthy state representative, if this is a
12 competition on how long we can drag out
13 these credentials of these delegates, we
14 lose because we will try to do it in both
15 English and Spanish.

16 Many of you know my twin brother as
17 Luis Raphael Blanca. Which one did I get
18 wrong? Now I knew this is very dangerous
19 because this is all being recorded. Worthy
20 State Deputy, Jerry Crowley, Council 14081.
21 And I rise for the privilege of nominating
22 our delegate to the supreme convention.

23 On a very serious note, I rise to
24 nominate brother knight, who is currently
25 sitting in one of the state offices. He has

1 demonstrated his willingness to step forward
2 at the last minute and take on tremendous
3 responsibility. I won't bore you with the
4 fact that he's a past grand knight and
5 former district deputy. And how many of us
6 don't have that resume?

7 I'm wondering if we can, like, defer
8 to those things that we know that no one
9 else holds, perhaps, like -- I have to break
10 it in segments. That's right. I forgot.
11 Anyway, but this brother knight really and
12 truly has stepped forward and taken on
13 tremendous responsibilities. And he asked
14 me when I was with the state council, if I
15 would help him regarding a venture that was
16 very near and dear to him.

17 And I think you all saw the results
18 of that and that's the cribs with kids.
19 This brother knight took it upon himself to
20 try to get those folks involved with us at
21 the state council level.

22 And, you know, that's not an easy
23 task to do when you start looking at all
24 these fellows. You fellows you see with
25 gray hair, old, been here forever. And you

1 try to -- you try to introduce something
2 new. But this brother knight was able to
3 get quite a nice bump for our friends with
4 Cribs For Kids.

5 Again, I rise to nominate for
6 delegate to the supreme convention our
7 current sitting State Secretary, Brother
8 Paul Sharum. He is an insurance member and
9 a member of council 4644. But see all that
10 stuff -- oh, that's right they're recording
11 this. All right.

12 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
13 Jerry and Luis.

14 The Chair now recognizes for the
15 purpose of nomination Ray Barber for Ken
16 Redger.

17 From what the State Treasurer told
18 me is that Joe Lander cannot make it. So he
19 becomes -- no, he becomes a regular. He
20 becomes a regular now, Ray.

21 RAY BARBER: Reverend Fathers,
22 Worthy State Deputy, Ray Barber, council
23 4071, Erie, Pennsylvania, delegate. I'm a
24 former state secretary and I am the
25 financial secretary of that council. I'd

1 like to place the name of Kenneth R. Redger
2 in nomination for delegate to supreme
3 convention.

4 Brother Ken is a insurance member.
5 He's also the past grand knight and the
6 current treasurer of the Jesus, Mary, Joseph
7 council 4071 in Erie. He's also the former
8 navigator and the current comptroller of the
9 Archbishop of John Mark Gannon Assembly,
10 also in Erie. Thank you.

11 STATE DEPUTY: You're welcome.
12 Thank you, Brother Ray. The Chair now
13 recognizes Master Michael Lynch for the
14 purpose of the nomination of James Mauackey.

15 MICHAEL LYNCH: Worthy State Deputy,
16 Michael Lynch, delegate and financial
17 secretary of Penn Allegheny Council 4242. I
18 rise to nominate James Mauackey as a
19 delegate to the supreme convention. Jim is
20 a past grand knight, a former district
21 deputy, currently Pittsburgh chapter
22 president, former state membership chairman.

23 He has served on the staff of former
24 masters and is currently serving on my staff
25 as the membership of the director. It's my

1 pleasure to nominate Jim Mauackey as a
2 delegate to the supreme convention. He is
3 an insurance member.

4 STATE DEPUTY: Thank, you Worthy
5 Master.

6 I don't know he's nominating David
7 Rosler from the west. The Chair recognizes
8 Jack Rosetti, membership chairman from the
9 west.

10 JACK ROSETTI: Buenos Noches. My
11 name is Jack Rosetti. I'm council 3291,
12 Cannonsburg. I rise to nominate David A.
13 Rosler, II, for delegate to the supreme
14 convention. He's a past grand knight and
15 current district deputy of district 111.

16 David is a member of Immaculate
17 Conception Parish in Washington, PA. whereas
18 a grand knight made his council star
19 council. He's the secretary of the board of
20 district deputies of the western section.
21 Secretary for the diocese of Pittsburgh
22 bishop's project and holds many other
23 positions in the diocese and in the council.

24 He's also of going to be our next
25 Mon Valley chapter president. He's a member

1 of his degree team. He's a husband, a
2 father and is an insurance member. I am
3 honored to nominate my friend and Brother
4 Knight, David A. Rosler, II.

5 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
6 Jack.

7 Are there any other nominations for
8 the office of delegate to the supreme
9 convention? Are there any other nominations
10 for the office of delegate to the supreme
11 convention? Are there any other nominations
12 for the office of delegate to the supreme
13 convention?

14 Again, nominations will remain open
15 until Sunday morning for additional
16 nominations that may come from the floor.

17 Next order of business is the
18 nomination of alternate delegates to the
19 supreme convention. The Chair recognizes
20 State Advocate Mike Kish, for the purpose of
21 nomination of Gary Novinskie. Please rise.

22 MICHAEL KISH: Michael Kish, Council
23 7208 State Advocate. Reverend Father and
24 Worthy State Deputy, I rise to nominate Gary
25 Novinskie of Council 1333. Gary has been a

1 knight for 41 years. And it's amazing some
2 of the things that he's done in his
3 activities.

4 I want to keep this short because
5 the State Deputy asked me to. He is a
6 district deputy 19 and he was a star
7 district last year. Past grade out of his
8 council 1333. He's an officer of Chester
9 County Assembly on his way to becoming the
10 navigator, vice chairman of the DeI Val
11 Board of Deputies, vice president of Trinity
12 chapter and that's just some of the things.

13 He was married to his wife for 40
14 years before her passing in 2012. He has
15 three children and four grandchildren. He's
16 a member of St. Agnes Parish. He is not an
17 insurance member at this moment but it is in
18 the process of being -- getting up through
19 New Haven.

20 I nominate Gary Novinskie as
21 alternate delegate. Thank you.

22 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, State
23 Advocate, Mike Kish. The Chair now
24 recognizes Gary Novinskie for the purpose of
25 nomination of Albert Bryson.

1 GARY NOVINSKIE: Good morning, State
2 Deputy. Good morning, Father. I rise to
3 nominate Brother Albert Bryson. Albert has
4 been a knight for 32 years. He has served
5 his council in Parksburg, Pennsylvania for
6 the last 20 years.

7 He has served the Knight of Columbus
8 in the multiple states and has held multiple
9 positions within every council, his assembly
10 and chapter, the Trinity chapter. In the
11 interest of time, I once again rise to
12 nominate a brother that has served the
13 Knights of Columbus for multiple years as an
14 alternate delegate for the supreme
15 convention. Thank you.

16 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
17 Gary. The Chair now recognizes Art
18 Bobbywine for the purpose of the nomination
19 of John Bingham.

20 ART BOBBYWINE: Worthy State Deputy,
21 my name is the Art Bobbywine. I'm the grand
22 knight of Council 16071. And I rise to
23 nominate John Bingham for alternate delegate
24 to the convention. John was our founding
25 member in the driving force in starting our

1 council. He was our first grand knight. He
2 is the current lecturer and he has served on
3 our degree team since our council's
4 inception.

5 He is currently the district deputy
6 of district 47. He has been very active in
7 our church, where he chairs all of the food
8 events and our church picnic. He runs our
9 kitchen. He's a fourth degree member and a
10 member of our Color Corps. He is married to
11 his wife Julie, who's our church secretary
12 and business office manager.

13 And I can say that without John, I
14 would be totally lost in our council.

15 So I am proud to nominate my friend,
16 John Bingham as an alternate delegate to the
17 convention. And he is not currently an
18 insurance member.

19 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
20 Art.

21 The Chair now recognizes for the
22 purpose of nomination for David Woods from
23 the northeast. Okay. I guess I'll do it.
24 David Woods is from the Bethlehem council.
25 He's an alternate delegate and he's an

1 insurance member.

2 The Chair now recognizes -- who's
3 nominating Andrew Bacha? Any backup from
4 central east? Please state your name for
5 me, please?

6 LOUIS CALBROW: Louis Calbrow from
7 council 12811 Harrisburg. I'm honored to
8 nominate Andrew Bacha. He's the grand
9 knight of council 3625 in Steelton,
10 Pennsylvania. He's been the grand knight
11 there for the past four years. And he took
12 that council to star council for the first
13 time in that council's history.

14 He's also a former district deputy
15 and he's the current district marshal for
16 the Harrisburg area of the east region of
17 the patriotic degree.

18 STATE DEPUTY: Thank, Brother Lou.
19 Is he an insurance member?

20 LOUIS CALBROW: Yes, he is an
21 insurance member.

22 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you.

23 The Chair now recognizes for the
24 purpose of nomination for Tom Pierson.
25 Chair recognizes former state treasurer,

1 Jerry Andrews.

2 GERALD ANDREWS: Thank you, Worthy
3 State Deputy. Gerald Andrews, former state
4 treasurer, voting member of council 8452,
5 Father Gilbert Stroud. I rise and place the
6 nomination for alternate delegate to the
7 supreme convention 2017, Thomas R. Pierson.
8 Tom joined the Knights in 2004, became a
9 fourth degree member in 2009.

10 In 2010, he was appointed as a
11 district deputy. In April of 2012, he was
12 appointed as a co-chairman of the
13 Pennsylvania western section ultrasound
14 initiative machine program. Under his
15 co-chairmanship, nine ultrasound machines
16 were placed in pregnancy centers in the
17 Pittsburgh and Greensburg diocese.

18 July of 2012, he was appointed as a
19 Pennsylvania state arc chairman.

20 In October of 2013, he received the
21 bishop's medal of honor for the Greensburg
22 diocese. July 2014, he became a grand
23 knight at Father McNeils council 1481 and
24 became star council for the first time in
25 that council's history.

1 July of 2015, he was appointed as a
2 district deputy for district 117. He's the
3 recipient of the St. Thomas Moore Community
4 Leadership Award for service to his parish
5 and the community. July of 2016, he was
6 elected faithful navigator of Father McNeils
7 Assembly 968. And in that same month he was
8 allocated president of the Greensburg
9 diocese chapter.

10 He's married to his wife, Tina,
11 Connie has two daughters and two grandsons.
12 They attended St. Thomas Moore University
13 parish. He's an extraordinary minister;
14 sacristan, member of the RCA team, has
15 served as grater adult formation
16 facilitator, staff kitchen and events
17 coordinator and he is an insurance member.

18 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
19 Jerry.

20 The Chair now recognizes Paul Foster
21 for the purpose of the nomination of Donald
22 Stahl.

23 RICH CATNER: Good morning, State
24 Deputy. Mr. Foster is not with us this
25 evening. My name is Rich Catner from

1 council 604. I'm a voting alternate
2 delegate. I rise to nominate Donald Stahl
3 as an alternate delegate to the 2016
4 convention. Don is a member 2017
5 convention. Don is a member of councils
6 5825 Trinity council in Beaver County. He
7 is past grand knight of council 5825.

8 He's past chapter president of the
9 Beaver Valley Chapter. He's faithful
10 navigator for Assembly 936, the archbishop
11 canon assembly. He is served as treasurer
12 for the Holy Name Society at St. Francis
13 Cabrini Parish in Beaver County.

14 He's also member of the pastoral
15 council of St. Francis Cabrini. Don is also
16 an insurance member. And, again, I nominate
17 Don as an alternate delegate to the 2017
18 supreme convention.

19 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother.

20 Are there any other nominations for
21 office of alternate delegate to the supreme
22 convention? Are there any other nominations
23 for the office of alternate delegate to the
24 supreme convention? Are there any other
25 nominations for the office of alternate

1 delegate to the supreme convention?

2 Again, nominations will remain open
3 until Sunday morning for additional
4 nominations that may come from the floor.

5 I would like to ask those who have
6 been nominated as delegates and alternate
7 delegates, to the meet with the State
8 Secretary at the close of this convention on
9 Sunday. They have important information
10 that you will need to obtain for the
11 convention.

12 At this time, we will move on to
13 Item Number 9, the report of the chapters.
14 At this time I would like to call on the
15 president of the Allentown Chapter, John
16 Fitzpatrick, former state treasurer and
17 master of the central. Brother John. He
18 just walked out. We'll skip him and we'll
19 come back.

20 Now for the report of the Beaver
21 Valley Chapter, President John Dursick.
22 Come to the mic, please.

23 BOB CRAWFORD: Worthy State Deputy,
24 my name is Bob Crawford. I'm district
25 deputy 96 and I'm in council 604. And John

1 Dursick is not here. And I'd like to
2 present the chapter report.

3 STATE DEPUTY: Go ahead.

4 BOB CRAWFORD: Beaver Valley Chapter
5 Report: The Chapter is comprised of 11
6 councils in the Beaver Valley Region of
7 Western PA. Council brothers serve their
8 home parishes every Sunday as ushers, money
9 counters, choir members, liturgical
10 ministers, funeral ministers, eucharistic
11 ministers for the nursing homes and shut-ins
12 and assisting in various other church
13 ministers and activities.

14 Councils participate in the bishop
15 project through penny collections, tootsie
16 rolls, the Christmas seals and Beaver Valley
17 council 604's health pike. Proceeds benefit
18 the memorial at the St. Anthony School for
19 children with special needs. About \$180,000
20 was raised this fraternal year.

21 Members of the chapter has served on
22 various committees for the bishop's project,
23 the western section and the PA state
24 convention. Council participate in the R.
25 S. V. P. program to provide financial

1 support for our area seminarians, Decon's
2 and those being called by God to the
3 sacrament of holy orders. Beaver Valley
4 council 604 and Sacred Heart council 11389
5 provide food donations and services to local
6 food banks.

7 Midland council 2005 has a soup
8 kitchen every month for the needy in the
9 midland area. The chapter has a degree team
10 that regularly performed admission,
11 formation and knighthood degrees throughout
12 the chapter jurisdiction, which has brought
13 in several new members to the Knight of
14 Columbus. Woodlawn council 2126 of
15 Aliquippa hosts a Latin mass each month.

16 Chapter members serve in pro-life
17 missions, including the March for Life in
18 D.C. and Council 604's annual baby bottle
19 drive that will soon allow the council to
20 afford a third unit for a mobile clinic.

21 Beaver Valley council 604 also hosts
22 a golf outing each year, with 75 percent of
23 the profits benefitting the McGuire Home and
24 the other 25 percent divided up among six
25 other local charities.

1 Finally, the Chapter holds a
2 memorial mass in November at the McGuire
3 Home in remembrance of our departed brother
4 Knights. This November the Beaver Valley
5 Chapter will especially remember the passing
6 of our brother, sir Knights Leonard Wakus of
7 Father Raymond Foster, Council 4081, former
8 state secretary and ambassador to forming
9 the Knights of Columbus in Lithuania.

10 Our prayers go out to Lenny and his
11 family for their service and dedication for
12 the Knights. God Bless to all who make this
13 convention and the continuing strength of
14 the Pennsylvania Knights successful. Vivat
15 Jesus.

16 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
17 Bob.

18 Now for the report of the Harrisburg
19 Chapter, President Jason Gottisman.

20 JASON GOTTISMAN: State Deputy,
21 state officers, my name is Jason Gottisman.
22 I am the deputy grand knight of council 4057
23 in Carlisle, Pennsylvania and also the
24 Harrisburg diocese and chapter president.

25 I'm just going to briefly summarize

1 my report, which is in full over there.
2 First thing I'd like to start out, and you
3 might want to take out your pens, we are
4 hosting the 2018 state golf tournament and
5 our planning for that has already begun.
6 That will be held on the weekend of August
7 17th to the 18th, 2018, at Artimage Golf
8 Club in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. So
9 we're hoping for a great turnout given the
10 centrally located nature of that tournament.

11 We are also have a number of
12 different things that we have going on in
13 the diocese, but we are proud to support the
14 bishop's initiative with this golf
15 tournament of Camp Kirkenwald, which is a
16 economical camp for those with physical and
17 intellectual disabilities that get to go and
18 enjoy the weekend outdoors. And this is
19 really priority of the bishop. And we're
20 going to be using the proceeds from the golf
21 tournament to support that particular
22 initiative.

23 In terms of other things, and again
24 there's all in my report in full, we are
25 really undergoing some renewal and

1 rejuvenation of our chapter. Right now we
2 have 24 member councils over our 15 county
3 diocese, trying to get more people involved,
4 a lot more things going on and increase the
5 number of fraternal activities, fundraising
6 activities and support that we give to our
7 councils and diocese and level activities.

8 Finally, we do a number of
9 activities already in support of our annual
10 memorial mass and financial and physical
11 support to our diocese and radio station,
12 the Holy Family Radio. So that's my report.

13 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
14 Jason.

15 Now for the report of the Erie area
16 Chapter President William Allenbacker, Jr.

17 WILLIAM ALLENBACKER, SR.: Supreme
18 officers, past and present, our State
19 Deputy, all state officers past and present,
20 all district deputies, all worthy Knights,
21 my name is William Allenbacker, Sr. My
22 counsel is 4262. I'm president of the
23 greater Erie Chapter in Erie, Pennsylvania.

24 I'm also a member of the John Mark
25 Gannon Assembly 0943, the first in the

1 order.

2 The greater Erie Chapter is composed
3 of 22 councils, five assemblies, five
4 districts. The chapter is and its members
5 assist the church as parish and diocesan
6 levels. We have worked hard to increase our
7 activities level. And for the most part,
8 have been very successful and we plan to do
9 the same for the coming year.

10 The Special Olympics state bowling
11 tournament was held in Erie, Pennsylvania,
12 on March 18th, 2017. Many Knights of
13 Columbus chapter members were there to help.
14 Also, the greater Erie chapter had its
15 retreat conference on March 25th, 2017. And
16 the ultrasound initiative at our Lady of
17 Peace council and Edinboro council raised
18 the required amount of money to purchase
19 ultrasound machines for the pro-life causes.

20 God Bless America, where stars and
21 stripes and eagle fly. Vivat Jesus.

22 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
23 Bill. Now the report from the Greensburg
24 Chapter President Thomas Pierson.

25 TIM SHIELDS: Worthy State Deputy,

1 my name is Tim Shields, financial secretary
2 of 1381 in Kensington, currently a district
3 deputy and vice president of the Greensburg
4 chapter. I'm standing in for Brother Tom.

5 Greensburg diocesan chapter is
6 composed of 24 councils and four county
7 diocese in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. It's
8 headed currently by Bishop Edward Malesk,
9 formerly of the current diocese of
10 Harrisburg.

11 Among the projects that we're
12 involved is the annual Bishop's project.
13 And we have dinner every year in June
14 honoring the bishop. And at that dinner the
15 state awards, the school leadership chairman
16 Larry Barkowski recognizes our state
17 scholarship winner. And last year her name
18 was Abigail Lynch. With her award and
19 chapter presented Bishop Maleski with our
20 annual chapter project to help promote
21 vocations in the diocese. This year's
22 dinner will be held June 16th.

23 We are also involved in the keep
24 Christ in Christmas program, which grew from
25 just a few banners here and there to 100 or

1 more banners and electronic billboards. So
2 that program has really gone. We also
3 support Clelian Heights for exceptional
4 children, it's in Greensburg, PA. That's
5 over the years we have collected literally
6 \$120,000 for the sisters in support of that
7 institution.

8 Last year we donated a check for
9 over \$8000. We would also like to thank at
10 the time Mon Valley chapter councils who are
11 in the Greensburg diocese who are also
12 continuing to support this worthy cause.

13 A message from your President, Tom
14 Pierson, who wishes to thank the many
15 Brother Knights in the Greensburg Knights
16 diocese who work so tirelessly supporting
17 our chapter projects serving our parishes
18 and supporting our priests and bishop.

19 May our common faith and our great
20 principals of charity, unity, fraternity and
21 patriotism, and animate our every action.
22 Vivat Jesus.

23 STATE DEPUTY: Vivat Jesus. Thank
24 you, Brother.

25 Now for the report of the Mon Valley

1 Chapter President, Kenny Santorro.

2 DAVID ROSLER: David Rosler,
3 district deputy 111, for Ken Santorro.
4 Worthy State Deputy, Reverend Father, my
5 Brother Knights all, the Mon Valley
6 Chapter's primary charity continues to be
7 our annual presentation of our scholarship
8 to a seminarian.

9 This \$1000 scholarship is presented
10 at the Western section Columbus Day dinner.
11 This past year we also sponsored an
12 additional seminarian for \$500. This
13 diocese also participates in the diocese of
14 Pittsburgh bishop's project. For the year
15 of 2016/2017, the project raised \$186,000
16 the most for a project year.

17 The chairman this past year was Jack
18 Rosetti, who is a past president of our
19 chapter. Since the program started 1959,
20 this project has raised over \$6.4 million in
21 support of those two institutions.

22 Our councils within the Greensburg
23 diocese, the chapter annually contributes to
24 the Clelian Heights, another school for
25 exceptional children.

1 While our chapter meets on the last
2 Tuesday of every month, we annual hold a
3 rosary at the tomb of the unborn in lieu of
4 our July meeting. This ceremony commences
5 on the anniversary of when we erected the
6 tomb at Sacred Heart Cemetery.

7 In December we have a Christmas
8 party. The Mon Valley Chapter has also
9 donated funds for the western section
10 ultrasound project.

11 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
12 Ken.

13 Now for the report of the Nativity
14 Chapter, President, Sean Connelly, Master of
15 the east.

16 Anyone going to do the Nativity
17 Chapter report? All right. We'll move on.

18 Now for the report of the
19 Philadelphia Chapter, President Nick
20 Markantonio.

21 NICK MARKANTONIO: My name is Nick
22 Markantonio. I am the current grand knight
23 for St. Leo, council 1294 Philadelphia and I
24 am also the current president of the
25 Philadelphia chapter.

1 Our mission is to serve the
2 Philadelphia community to provide assistance
3 to our brother Knights who are in distress,
4 to provide assistance to those members of
5 our society who are marginalized and who are
6 mentally and physically challenged.

7 We have 24 councils in our chapter.
8 We have a pro-life and education activities.
9 We have a picnic for individuals with
10 special needs at Clemington Park, it will be
11 upcoming on June 3rd. We have activities
12 with the Man Up Convention.

13 Our contributions are to the Sacred
14 Heart cancer home, St. John's Hospice, the
15 Wood Haven center for individuals with
16 special needs. Scholastic aids to college
17 and high school students and special
18 requests from council, fellow brothers,
19 Knights, community and/or organizations.
20 Vivat Jesus.

21 STATE DEPUTY: Vivat Jesus.

22 Now for the report of the Pittsburgh
23 chapter, President, James Mauackey. All
24 right.

25 ANDREW SMITH: Worthy State Deputy,

1 I'm Andrew Smith, 4242. I'm the vice
2 president for the Pittsburgh Chapter. Sorry
3 but Jim Mauackey couldn't attend this
4 weekend. Pittsburgh's chapters made up of
5 all the councils of the Pittsburgh diocese.
6 We are participating in the Bishop's
7 project, which raised \$186,000 for St.
8 Anthony's and the McGuire Home.

9 We are active in supporting all the
10 Pittsburgh seminarians. We participate in
11 raising funds for the ultrasound program in
12 the west. We supported the keep Christ in
13 Christmas billboards that were put on
14 digitally around Pittsburgh. And that's the
15 end of my report.

16 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother,
17 Andy.

18 Now for the record of the Trinity
19 chapter, President Joseph Paoletti.

20 JOSEPH PAOLETTI: State Deputy and
21 Brother Knights all, Joe Paoletti, council
22 590 president of the Trinity Chapter. We
23 have two major programs going on. And I'll
24 spare the details in the interest of
25 brevity. But just to sum up, we replace an

1 ultrasound machine in the center last year
2 and now we're working on another one. And
3 our other main charity is the Sister of
4 Camilla Hall.

5 In the past year since we started,
6 we have donated over 1330 man hours and a
7 total donation of material and labor in
8 excess of \$42,000. We're looking forward to
9 doing more as we get stronger and grow. And
10 for any additional details please, see the
11 report. The report being passed out. Thank
12 you.

13 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother.

14 Now for the record of Valley Forge
15 chapter, Mark Noonan.

16 MARK NOONAN: Mark Noonan, Council
17 6614. Reverend Chaplain, State Deputy,
18 worthy state officers and Brother Knights
19 all, the Valley Forge Chapter is served by
20 districts 20, 21 and 22. We are focused on
21 the pro-life activities, especially saving
22 the babies from abortion.

23 We are focused our efforts on three
24 main objects, direct support to pregnancy
25 centers and birth rights in Pottstown,

1 Coatesville and in the baby's breath in the
2 general Norristown area.

3 We also spread awareness of these
4 centers through advertisements so the
5 mothers know these centers are available.
6 We pray to end abortion and for the all the
7 parties involved. We pray monthly in front
8 of the Planned Parenthood centers in West
9 Chester, Norristown and in Philadelphia 12th
10 and Locust.

11 We have two fundraisers of the Rose
12 drive on pro life Sunday, the first Sunday
13 of October, which by the way of all the
14 kinds that support our chapter.

15 We also have a golf outing in May.
16 Last year we provided \$7200 direct support
17 to the pregnancy centers. We also provided
18 \$2000 in direct support in marketing and
19 letting the women know in the area that
20 these free pregnancy centers exist.

21 And we also provided another \$7600
22 to pro life organizations, like, pro life
23 union, priests for pro life, human life
24 international, legacy of life, St. Mary's
25 Franciscan shelters, cradle of hope,

1 generation for life, and the archdiocese
2 Philadelphia walk for life. Thank you.

3 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
4 Mark.

5 Now for the record of the Laurel
6 Highlands Chapter, Anthony Reim.

7 Anyone from the Laurel Highlands
8 Chapter?

9 Well, thank you, Brothers. Again, a
10 big thank you to all of the chapters and
11 their hard work in promoting Columbianism.
12 With that, I think our business has come to
13 an end for this evening. As a reminder, we
14 have start tomorrow morning promptly at 8:30
15 with the recession of the rosary by Father.

16 I'm now going to ask Father Larry to
17 led us in prayer before we conclude.
18 Farther Larry.

19 FATHER SHERDEL: We pray in the name
20 of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy
21 Spirit. Amen.

22 Dear God, you've shared your
23 presence with us in a special way during
24 this Easter season and we have felt your
25 love for us and enjoyed your help. As we

1 continue this convention, we ask you to
2 continue to be with us, giving us the wisdom
3 we need, the courage we need and the
4 strength we need to complete its work.

5 Bless us as we adjourn for this
6 evening. May we have a safe and restful
7 sleep. And may all those who arrive
8 tomorrow arrive safely into our mist. This
9 we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

10 May almighty God bless you, the
11 Father, the Son and the Holy Sprit. Amen.

12 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Bother
13 Larry. I now declare this work session
14 adjourned.

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