

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
119 PENNSYLVANIA STATE CONVENTION

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

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1 STATE DEPUTY: I would like to
2 welcome everyone to Sunday's session to the
3 119 PA State Convention. We have a lot of
4 important business to conduct today. So on
5 this final day we are in an open session.

6 First order of business is please
7 rise for Father Larry for the opening
8 prayer.

9 CHAPLAIN SHERDEL: On this final day
10 of the convention we'd like again to pray
11 our state prayer, the Act of Faith. If the
12 ladies don't have it memorized, maybe you
13 would like to share their card with them.

14 We will begin in the name of the
15 Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy
16 Spirit. Amen. Our Act of Faith.

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

1 Mary, seed of wisdom, pray for us.
2 In the name of Father and of the Son and of
3 the Holy Spirit. Amen.

4 STATE DEPUTY: Remain standing for
5 the Pledge by the Master of the West region,
6 Michael Lynch.

7 (Pledge of Allegiance was said.)

8 STATE DEPUTY: Remain standing for
9 the opening oath.

10 (Opening Oath was sung.)

11 STATE DEPUTY: We have some
12 unfinished. Yesterday there was pair of
13 glasses found in the meeting room. Anyone
14 lose their glasses, please come up and also
15 we found a jazz bow. If anybody lost their
16 jazz bow, it's up here.

17 Another order of business is there
18 will be a very, very short meeting for the
19 central east region right after the
20 convention is over in the right corner.
21 That's by the orders of your CE chairman.

22 Now, we shall begin with the awards
23 ceremonies of the ARC. Ralph Trofino,
24 please.

25 RALPH TROFINO: The first set of

1 awards for the ARC are most per capita per
2 region. In the east region, it's St. Titus
3 Council 11040, \$1665. Is there anyone here
4 from that region? From the central east
5 region Council 2275, \$1227. The central
6 west region St. Boniface Council 13427
7 \$1154.98. The northeast region St. John
8 Council \$1200. The west region, Holy Rosary
9 Council \$426.50.

10 The next set of awards are the most
11 money collected in region. East region is
12 Father Doyle Council 9715, \$4796.23. The
13 central east region Star of Sea Council
14 4245, \$4500. The central west region
15 Immaculate Conception Council 7549, \$2500.
16 Northeast region Trinity Council 313,
17 \$3556.88. The west region Father McNeillis
18 Council 1481, \$5384.71.

19 Now, we have two special recognition
20 awards which are presented to the Knights by
21 ARC. The first one is most per capita
22 statewide that would be Reverend William B.
23 Healy Council 797, \$5500. And our last
24 award is the most money collected statewide
25 and that would be Our Lady of Mount Carmel

1 Council, 4160, \$5542.71.

2 Congratulations to all the winners.

3 That con includes the ARC presentation.

4 STATE DEPUTY: Next is our
5 scholarships wards. Larry Barkowski.

6 LARRY BARKOWSKI: Good morning,
7 everyone. Good morning, Worthy Supreme
8 Advocate, Worthy State Deputy, Reverend
9 Fathers, just going to announce our state
10 scholarship award winners at this point in
11 time.

12 I do have scholarship certificates
13 so that some individual from the region, if
14 you would pick these up off of me at the end
15 of our program. But this is a summary hear.
16 There are copies available at the door on
17 the way out of the award winners.

18 First off, we're awarding ten
19 scholarships at a value total of \$3000,
20 which can be claimed in six years. So first
21 off these are distributed by diocese. For
22 the Allentown diocese the winner is Lauren
23 Marie Schuster. She's the daughter of
24 Brother Walter A. Schuster from Father Jacob
25 Post Council 14164. From the Altoona

1 Johnstown diocese, the winner is Ruth Marie
2 D'Angelo. Daughter of Brother Michael
3 D'Angelo, Father O'Hannon Council number
4 4678. From the Erie diocese, the winner is
5 Ashley Nicole Stauffer. She's the daughter
6 of Brother Chris Stauffer from St.
7 Alphonse's Lagori Council number 4262. From
8 the Greensburg diocese, the winner is Jacob
9 M. Schwab. He's the son of Beth A. Brean
10 and he's a member of the Greensburg Central
11 Catholic Squire's circle 853. The
12 Harrisburg diocese winner is Bryce Daniel
13 Floyd, son of Brother Michael Floyd from St.
14 Rose of Lima Council number 10870. From the
15 Scranton diocese, the winner is Devon
16 Patrick Natishan. He's the son of Brother
17 David Natishan, St. Maxillian Colby Council
18 13752. Congratulations.

19 There are two winners from the
20 Philadelphia diocese. Peter Vincent Sigona,
21 son of Brother Peter J. Sigona, St. Thomas
22 Moore Council 14090. Also from Philadelphia
23 Casey Rose Dunlevey, daughter of Brother
24 David Dunlevey, West Chester Council 1333.
25 And from the Pittsburgh diocese, the winner

1 is -- one of the two winners is Zane Cozoba
2 Letiss, son of Brother Joseph Letiss, St.
3 Killian Council 1487. Also from Pittsburgh
4 Adam M. Shazlay, son of Brother Raymond
5 Shazlay, Gibsonia Council 15912.

6 And finally this year we're also
7 awarding a benedetti reading scholarship.
8 This scholarship is award to one of the
9 winners mentioned above. And this
10 individual had the highest SAT's of all
11 submitted and that benedetti reading
12 scholarship is a one time \$2500 value given
13 this year to Ashley Nicole Stauffer,
14 daughter of Chris Stauffer, St. Alphonse
15 Lagori Council. I guess we proceed with the
16 state awards.

17 STATE DEPUTY: At this time I'd like
18 to bring Joe Carramanno from the COAL. He's
19 here.

20 JOE CARRAMANNO: Good morning. Now
21 that everyone is awake I can proceed. Larry
22 has a great program with the ten
23 scholarships that he awards each year. And
24 in order to fund those scholarships, we run
25 the COAL program, the chance of a lifetime

1 program as you all know. And Dean Youran
2 and Rich McMillian are in the corner there
3 still taking orders. As of now we have 184
4 councils have signed up, which is good. We
5 need a few more.

6 But each year we give out two door
7 prizes to the councils that show -- sign up.
8 And that's what I want to do right now is
9 I'm going to have Father Sherdel pick two
10 tickets here to award a door prizes to those
11 two councils kinds.

12 The Council winners are 650 and
13 13752. And those checks will be in the mail
14 in a few days. I don't have the check here.
15 Check will be in the mail, as they say.

16 Now, listen to fund Larry's program
17 at this time I want to present a check to
18 the State Deputy for the \$30,000 to cover
19 this year's scholarships. Charlie.
20 Charlie's smiles. Here, I'll get you to
21 toot the horn. Thank you, very much and
22 have a safe trip home.

23 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Joseph.
24 Now we'll begin with the awards.

25 UNIDENTIFIED PERSON: All right.

1 Everyone, I got to tell you this is a
2 pleasure having this position because my
3 gosh, when you see the number of submissions
4 and the work that's done across the state in
5 regard to service programs, it's just
6 exciting. I just feel so darn proud to be a
7 brother knight and at least associated
8 somewhat with the service work that's done.

9 The first set of awards that we're
10 going to make here are going to be the
11 Pennsylvania state service awards. These
12 recognize the best body of work per category
13 and then per division of Council. So
14 there's four divisions based upon your size.
15 Now first off I'm going to ask a
16 representative from these councils to come
17 forward and receive the awards.

18 This is a -- the first award is a
19 division award for church it is awarded to
20 Our Lady of the Broad Top Council. And the
21 Grand Knight is Zane Treese, Sr. Do we have
22 a district deputy here? All right.

23 Our next up is from the public
24 relations category, division one, St.
25 Francis DeSalles Council 15778, James Brine,

1 grand knight. This is public relations DD
2 for Council 15778. This will go back in the
3 box. But there's nobody here to receive it.

4 Community director. Can our
5 directors come on up. Okay. This is
6 Plymouth Council division three community
7 award, Council 984, grand knight Michael
8 Velrocheck. Dr. Daday, you're up next for a
9 photo.

10 Our next winner is pro-life in
11 division three, Our Lady of the Sacred
12 Heart, Council 4282 Dennis Sullivan, grand
13 knight. A representative from Sacred Heart
14 Council.

15 Next winners in division three, the
16 youth category goes to Washington Council
17 1083, Dr. Rick Logue grand knight. Okay
18 next one is family category division four
19 Duquesne West Mifflin, Council 4210 Timothy
20 R. Richards grand knight. Is there a
21 representative from Duquesne West Mifflin?

22 Next up is division two winner from
23 the family category and the youth category,
24 the St. Benedict Council 14664, John Coco
25 grand knight.

1 Our next up is winners in the family
2 and public relations category division three
3 from St. Elizabeth Council 13141 Daniel
4 Keating grand knight.

5 Next up division three church and
6 Council winners Bentleyville Council 5826,
7 Gary Damage grand knight. All right.

8 We're going to try to do all the
9 community awards now. Let's go ahead. And
10 we are going to need the division one Bishop
11 Connare Council. Do we have a
12 representative from Council 15373? This is
13 also Bishop -- Tim, you're not going
14 anywhere. Pro-life division one Bishop
15 Connare Council.

16 Next up John Coco, family division
17 one. Bishop Connare Council 15373. Next up
18 is the youth division youth category
19 division one Bishop William Connare Council.

20 All right, gentleman, next up
21 Council division one winner Bishop Connare
22 Council. Okay gentleman, we have two more
23 kinds of a similar situation. We have what
24 we call the power category, Bishop Connare
25 and division one. And now we're talking

1 about division two winners which are all
2 from Father Joseph P. Newell Council 11838.
3 First up will be the community award in
4 division two Vincent J. Poceto, grand
5 knight. Do we have a district deputy? Stay
6 where you're at there.

7 The next winner for pro-life
8 category also from Joseph Newell Council.
9 Next up is public relations Father Joseph
10 Newell Council.

11 I have a copy of the example to see
12 what the winning formula is. All right.
13 Thank you great job by Father Newell
14 Council.

15 And finally, we've got St. John the
16 Baptist Council 8891. This is a division
17 four group, Donald Vosnick is the grand
18 knight. And first up is the community award
19 for St. John the Baptist. St. John the
20 Baptist also won the pro-life award.

21 Public relations category division
22 four also goes to St. John the Baptist.
23 They certainly rock award applications,
24 right. It's a great job. Okay. In the
25 church category there's also won by St.

1 John the Baptist. I think a few years ago
2 this Council was division three. And I
3 think division three was happy to see them
4 grow and move on.

5 Our next is the youth group, youth
6 category and finally Council. All right.
7 And finally it's the Council division.
8 Council category won by St. John the
9 Baptist. All right congratulations.

10 Next up we are going to move on to
11 the 2017 supreme service award winners.
12 These awards recognize the best single
13 project or activity per service category.
14 The award in the family category goes to the
15 Reverend William Finerty Council 7208,
16 Thomas A. Careedy grand knight.

17 In the church category, the Father
18 Byron O'Hanlin Council 4678 Dennis Moritz
19 grand knight.

20 All right then. Congratulations.
21 The community category, the pro-life the
22 youth and the Council categories all go to
23 Washington Council 1083 Dr. Rick Logue grand
24 knight. Well, congratulations. Again,
25 examples of those winning entries will be on

1 that end of the hall. You can pick them up
2 on your way out. Thank you everyone for the
3 submissions. Thank you district deputies
4 for communicating the information and thank
5 you to all the councils for your outstanding
6 work.

7 STATE DEPUTY: Now, my Brothers and
8 guests. We will now begin with the
9 nomination and election of state officers
10 for 2017/18. Our state bylaws require us to
11 elect the state secretary first followed in
12 turn by the election of the state treasurer,
13 state advocate, state warden. Next will be
14 the election of delegates and alternate
15 delegates to the supreme convention.

16 Once those elected then we will
17 elect the state deputy. I will now call for
18 accept nominating for the state secretary
19 the Chair recognizes Jerry Crowley, new
20 council development chairman and former
21 state advocate from the central east for the
22 purpose of a nomination. I didn't say
23 twins.

24 JERRY CROWLEY: My Brothers all, I'm
25 kind of lonely up here. My twin brother who

1 is not invited to the podium for this very
2 important nomination. We went through the
3 litany of things that Paul did before this
4 and some of you, since it has not open
5 session, didn't get to enjoy the performance
6 of my twin brother and I, since this is a
7 much more important and much more serious
8 event, we'll dispense with the cartoon
9 carnival and get to the meat of the subject.

10 It is truly my honor and my
11 privilege to nominate for his second year
12 term for the position of Secretary of the
13 State Council of Pennsylvania brother Paul
14 J. Sharum.

15 STATE DEPUTY: Are there any other
16 nominations for state secretary? Are there
17 any other nominations for state secretary?
18 Are there any other nominations for state
19 secretary?

20 Hearing none, I advise my state
21 advocate to vote for our state secretary
22 Paul Sharum.

23 I'll now accept the nominations for
24 the state treasurer. The Chair recognizes
25 George Beckett, former state warden for the

1 purpose of the nomination.

2 GEORGE BECKETT: My name is George
3 Beckett, alternate delegate from 4262
4 northeast. I'd like to place into
5 nomination my very good friend Jeffery Blaze
6 as the state treasurer for the following
7 year. Jeff is a member of the Mercer
8 Council 4720. And he is an insurance
9 member.

10 Jeff and his wife Debbie have two
11 children both boys. Jeff has held many
12 positions in Pennsylvania Knights of
13 Columbus, which I'm not going to read off
14 but I place the name of Jeffery C. Blaze for
15 Pennsylvania State Treasurer.

16 STATE DEPUTY: Are there any other
17 nominations for state treasurer? Are there
18 any other nominations for state treasurer?
19 Are there any other nominations for state
20 treasurer?

21 Hearing none, I ask our state
22 secretary to cast one ballot for Jeffery
23 Blaze for state treasurer.

24 I will now accept the nomination for
25 the office of state advocate and the Chair

1 recognizes past state deputy George Cook for
2 the purpose of nomination.

3 GEORGE COOK: Worthy State Deputy,
4 Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme
5 Advocate, I recognize to nominate our state
6 advocate Michael Kish for a second term.
7 Michael has been a member of the Order for
8 18 years. And he has been a past grand
9 knight, past faithful navigator, former
10 district deputy and a chapter president.
11 He's married to the lovely Colleen. They
12 have two children and one grandchildren.

13 He severed his country well as a
14 member of the United States Air Force.
15 Again, it is my pleasure to place the
16 nomination in the name of Michael Kish for
17 the state advocate.

18 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
19 George. Are there any other nominations for
20 state advocate? Are there any other
21 nominations for state advocate? Are there
22 any other nominations for state advocate?

23 Hearing none, I'd ask our state
24 secretary to cast one ballot for Michael
25 Kish to state advocate.

1 I will now accept the nomination for
2 state warden. The Chair recognizes Joe
3 Cummings -- past state deputy Joe Cummings
4 for the purpose of a nomination. Please
5 rise.

6 JOE CUMMINGS: Father Larry, Father
7 Stan, Worthy State Deputy, Worthy Supreme
8 Advocate, my Brother Knights and Ladies, my
9 name is Joe Cummings, past state deputy, two
10 time circle honor champion AKA Joseph II,
11 voting alternate from Council 3907 wonderful
12 Wexford.

13 It's my pleasure to stand here and
14 nomination a good friend of mine for the
15 position of state warden. He's a past grand
16 knight, past former district deputy, past
17 faithful navigator, financial secretary,
18 former president of the Pittsburgh chapter.
19 My nominee is proof that you don't have to
20 be a doctor or a lawyer to be a great state
21 officer. And another proof of dynamite
22 comes in small packages.

23 We all know what this guy's like and
24 what he's done for our order in the Knights
25 of Columbus. It's my pleasure to nominate

1 my good friend Frank J. Rozzo for
2 re-election as state warden. Thank you.

3 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, Brother
4 Joe. Are there any other nominations for
5 state warden? Are there any other
6 nominations for state warden? Are there any
7 other nominations for state warden?

8 Hearing none, I ask our state
9 secretary to cast one ballot for Frank Rozzo
10 for state warden.

11 We will now proceed with the
12 nominations and reelection of delegates and
13 alternate delegates to the supreme
14 convention in St. Louis.

15 Before we do so, we have an
16 alternate delegee from the central west
17 which was not nominated on Friday night. Ed
18 Masters is going to be nominated by James
19 Bomb.

20 JAMES BOMB: Supreme state officers,
21 my Brothers all, I'm Jim Bomb, I'm district
22 deputy for 94 and a member of St. Alphonse's
23 Lagoria 4262 and a voting delegate.

24 I'm here and I have the honor to
25 nominate as an alternate delegate to the

1 supreme convention a brother knight of 30
2 years, a member of the Council 409 in
3 Clearfield. He has helped multiple
4 positions including program director, grand
5 knight and also the district deputy as he
6 sits currently as deputy 81.

7 He's a member of the fourth degree
8 and a member of the Color Corps. He is the
9 head of the grievement for St. Francis
10 Church. He's also a cook for the
11 scholarship breakfast and he is an insurance
12 member.

13 It is my pleasure to nominate Sir
14 Knight Ed Masters, III, as alternate
15 delegate for the central west for the
16 supreme convention.

17 STATE DEPUTY: Are there any other
18 nominations for alternate delegate to the
19 supreme convention? Are there any other
20 nominations for alternate delegate to the
21 supreme convention? Are there any other
22 nominations for alternate delegate to the
23 supreme convention?

24 I would like to remind everyone that
25 the nominations were made Friday evening.

1 Nominations are still open at this time.
2 Before we close the nominations, I would ask
3 the current state secretary please read the
4 names of these nominated Friday evening.

5 STATE SECRETARY: From the east will
6 be Joe Paoletti. Also from the east is the
7 Leonard Weckel. From the northeast is Ted
8 Zajac. From the northeast is Tony Zawzewki.
9 From the central east Paul Sharum. From the
10 west, Jim Miacchi. And from the west David
11 Rosler. And we had to move up Kenneth
12 Recker. He moved up because of the original
13 delegate had to cancel out.

14 The alternates from the east are
15 Gary Novenskie. From the east also Albert
16 Bryson. From the northeast is John Bingham.
17 From the northeast David Woods. From the
18 central east Andrew Bacca. From the west
19 David Pierson. From central west is Ed
20 Masters. And from the west Donald Stowe.

21 STATE DEPUTY: Very good, state
22 secretary. I thank you, Brother Paul.

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

1 to the office of delegate to the supreme
2 convention? Are there any other nominations
3 for the office of delegate to the supreme
4 convention?

5 Hearing none, I hereby instruct our
6 current state secretary to cast one vote in
7 favor of the election of all the delegates
8 to the office of supreme convention.
9 Congratulations, gentleman.

10 Now, for the nominations and
11 election of alternate delegates to the
12 supreme convention in St. Louis, Missouri.
13 I would like to remind you that the
14 nominations are still open that were made
15 from Friday.

16 Before we close the nominations, the
17 current state secretary read them off who's
18 going to be the alternates. Andrew Bacca,
19 Jim Bingham, Thomas Pierson, David Woods,
20 Gary Novinskie, Don Stowe, Albert Bryson and
21 Ed Masters.

22 Are there any other nominations for
23 alternate delegates? Are there any other
24 nominations for alternate delegates? Are
25 there any other nominations for alternate

1 delegates?

2 Hearing none, I ask our current
3 state secretary to cast one vote in favor of
4 all the alternate delegates to the supreme
5 convention in St. Louis, Missouri.
6 Congratulations, gentleman.

7 I want to remind all the delegates
8 and the alternate delegates to remain after
9 the close of the convention for a very
10 important meeting with our state secretary.
11 We will discuss how to register for the
12 convention and other important items you
13 will need to be aware of.

14 Brothers, the nominations are now
15 open for the office of state deputy. Please
16 rise for our immediate past state deputy,
17 Stanley.

18 PAST STATE DEPUTY: The nominations
19 are now open for state deputy. And the
20 Chair recognizes George Snyder, Jr.

21 GEORGE SNYDER, JR.: My name is
22 George Snyder, Jr. Grand Knight, North
23 Pocono Council 6050. I rise today to place
24 the nomination in the name of Charles
25 Vagnarelli as state deputy.

1 Charlie is a charter member of
2 Council 10729. As grand knight he obtained
3 star Council award for two years. He also
4 served as district deputy and attained star
5 district for two years and had 11 star
6 councils during his term. He also started
7 eight new councils and reacted four
8 councils.

9 Sir Knight Charles Vagnarelli was a
10 chartered faithful navigator of Cardinal
11 O'Connor Assembly. He's active in his
12 church, community and civic organizations.
13 His family attends Queen of Angels parish in
14 Jessup. He currently serves on the Jessup
15 zoning board. He is a member of the
16 American Legion Post 869, Pennsylvanian
17 pro-life.

18 He's a member of ARC where he has
19 received various appreciation awards. He
20 received awards from the national World War
21 II Memorial, the united neighborhood center
22 of Lackawanna County and the chapel of the
23 four chaplains legion of honor award. He's
24 married to his lovely Jean. And they have
25 two daughters, Shelly and Lori. And a

1 son-in-law, Sir Knight Tony and a
2 granddaughter Princess Amber.

3 Charlie serves with honor, honesty,
4 integrity and his main concern is always for
5 the good of the Order. He is also an
6 insurance member. I would like to place the
7 name of Charles Vagnarelli state deputy.
8 Thank you.

9 Are there any other nominations for
10 the office of state deputy? Are there any
11 other nominations for the office state
12 deputy? Are there any other nominations for
13 the office of state deputy?

14 Hearing no other nominations, I
15 hereby instruct the current state secretary
16 to cast one vote in favor of the election of
17 Charles J. Vagnarelli to the office of state
18 deputy.

19 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you. I don't
20 have anything else written on this script.
21 Where do I go from here?

22 At this time, I call on Donald Beck
23 to give us a report of the 2018 state
24 convention.

25 DONALD BECK: I'll be quick about

1 this. When you win that many awards they
2 give you the honor of the being the chairman
3 next committee for the convention.

4 Next year's convention is going to
5 be at Harrisburg -- the Harrisburg Hilton in
6 downtown Harrisburg on the first weekend in
7 May. May 4th through the 6th. Okay. We
8 are planning many things to do at this
9 convention.

10 It's very convenient to downtown
11 location. It's right by the state capital.
12 It's a block away from the Susquehanna river
13 and it's across the river from the City
14 Island where the Harrisburg Senators play a
15 Triple A ball team as well. Also the
16 Harrisburg Hilton hotel is immediately
17 adjacent or connected to the Whittiker
18 Science Center for kids to go to and many
19 other activities downtown. The cathedral is
20 only a couple blocks away as well for
21 Harrisburg.

22 So we expect to see you all there.
23 It's again it's first weekend in May in
24 Harrisburg. And also to as to answer the
25 supreme advocate's question from last night,

1 yes are indeed planning to have Elvis make
2 an appearance there as well. But that's
3 mostly for the ladies lunch. The ladies
4 they love themselves some Elvis, you know.

5 And also I'm surprised that during
6 the award ceremony you didn't break out your
7 8891 rocks T-shirt that we gave you last
8 time you were here. Maybe next year. Okay.

9 So I'll see you all there next year.
10 Vivat Jesus.

11 STATE DEPUTY: Vivat Jesus.

12 I would like now to call Rich
13 Terroni, former state secretary and press
14 secretary and newsletter chairman for his
15 remarks.

16 RICH TERRONI: Worthy State Deputy,
17 Worthy State Chaplain, Worthy Supreme
18 Advocate, state officers and my Brothers
19 Knights all, I'd like to go at this time
20 present the press release for the 2017 state
21 convention. The PA state convention Knights
22 of Columbus meet for their 119 state
23 convention at the Kalahari Resorts at Pocono
24 Manor, PA on May 19th through the 21st 2017.

25 A memorial was concelebrated by the

1 state chaplain, Reverend Lawrence Sherdel
2 and Reverend Stanley Swashka on Friday
3 evening. The convention proceedings opened
4 on Friday evening with a prayer by our state
5 chaplain Reverend Lawrence Sherdel.

6 Our state deputy, Charlie Vagnarelli
7 announced that our supreme advocate, John
8 Morella and his wife Amy would be our guest
9 from supreme council. The state deputy also
10 announced assignment of chairman and members
11 to the credentials election, steering,
12 resolution and press committees.

13 The next order of business was a
14 nomination of delegates and alternate
15 delegates to the supreme convention in St.
16 Louis, Missouri on August 1st through August
17 3rd, 2017. The delegates that were
18 nominated were Joseph Paoletti, Leonard
19 Weckel, Theodore Zajac, Tony Zalenski, Paul
20 Sharum, Ken Recker, James Mocchi, David
21 Rosler. Of the, seven are insurance
22 members.

23 The following alternate delegates
24 were nominated, Gary Novenskie, Albert
25 Bryson, John Bingham.

1 At the convention banquet the family
2 of the year was announced by the family of
3 the year chairman John Coco. The family of
4 the year for 2017 is James and Susan Banks.
5 James is a past grand knight of St. Theresa
6 Calcutta Council 15456 in Limrick. They
7 have four children, one son and three
8 daughters.

9 Senator Mario Sevilles spoke at the
10 convention banquet about current issues
11 going on in the state of PA. Sunday's
12 proceedings opened with the presentation of
13 the ARC awards followed by the announcement
14 of the 2017 state scholarship winners.
15 Former state treasurer Joe Carramanno awarded
16 two door prizes for those councils that
17 signed up for COAL. The winners were
18 Council 6050 and 17752.

19 Former state treasurer Joe
20 Carramanno presented a check to our state
21 deputy for \$30,000 to fund the 2017
22 scholarships. The 2017 PA service award
23 winners for community, pro-life, family
24 public relations, church, youth and Council
25 activities were given. This was followed by

1 the 2017 supreme service awards.

2 The following Knights were
3 nominations and elected for the PA state
4 Council as officers for the 2017, 2018
5 fraternal year. State warden, Frank L.
6 Rozzo. State Advocate Michael J. Kish,
7 state treasurer, Jeffery C. Blaze, state
8 secretary Paul J. Sharum. State deputy,
9 Charles J. Vagnarelli.

10 An additional alternate delegate was
11 nominated for the 2017 supreme convention
12 and that was Ed Masters. And he's an
13 insurance member. The delegates and
14 alternate delegates of the 2017 supreme
15 convention that were nominated were elected
16 on Sunday, May 21st.

17 The 2018 state convention will be at
18 the Harrisburg Hilton on May 4th through May
19 6th, 2018.

20 Many thanks to the northeast region
21 for a great convention. Thanks to my
22 committee, Len Weckel and Jeff Crowe for all
23 their help. I'd like to thank our state
24 deputy, Charles Vagnarelli for the
25 opportunity to serve in the jurisdiction of

1 Pennsylvania. Fraternaly submitted, Rich
2 Terroni.

3 At this time I'd also like to remind
4 people that the press release will be on the
5 website tomorrow morning -- on the state
6 website. And I would lake to also put out a
7 plug and ask for articles and pictures for
8 the Keystone night which will have a
9 deadline of June 4th. So please we've heard
10 so many that's going on in the State of
11 Pennsylvania and all your councils.

12 At the same time when you're
13 presenting them for awards, send them to me
14 my e-mail address is my name Rick Terroni at
15 comcast dot net. Vivat Jesus.

16 STATE DEPUTY: Vivat Jesus. David
17 McGinnis, Council 4396 Lansdale, PA, are you
18 in the room? Here's your card. Also some
19 baskets that were not claimed, I'm going it
20 read the names of the best I could from this
21 writing but Barb Usley, number two, Charles
22 Carlton number three, Jane Bobek 5 and 8.
23 Steve Uteck 13, Ray Barnovich 30, Marie
24 Spaterro 36, Al Shopes 47, Ed Lane 51.
25 Please collect your baskets.

1 Now at this time for the current
2 officers to have an opportunity to address
3 the body, we will start out with our state
4 warden, Frank Rozzo.

5 FRANK ROZZO: Thank you. Worthy
6 State Deputy, Worthy Reverend state
7 chaplain, worthy supreme advocate, worthy
8 past state deputies, my Brothers all, first
9 it's an honor to be elected again for the
10 second year to be a state warden.

11 I thank our past state deputy Joe
12 Cummings for nominating me. And Brothers,
13 it's such an honor to work with such a great
14 bunch of men. My state officers we used to
15 have a dynamite get together. We have
16 meetings. We work good together. So it's a
17 pleasure to work again with you for another
18 year. And congratulations, state deputy for
19 another year working with you. And again
20 with my directors and chairman, you people
21 have just been super. I mean to did this
22 job, I know there's a few flaws, but I've
23 really enjoyed working with everybody. I
24 try my best. I know I'm not perfect.

25 So again it was just a beautiful

1 convention here. Worthy state deputy picked
2 a good place. Everybody's been so nice. I
3 mean, anything I asked them for my job,
4 getting water, getting everything. It's
5 just -- so these people deserve a heck of a
6 lot of credit for all the work they've done.

7 Their super to work with and that's
8 really an honor. Again I'd like to thank
9 everybody for your support. And again we
10 leave, here don't forget recruit, recruit,
11 recruit. One per Council per month, right
12 state deputy. And wait. Wait.

13 Again, thank you again. Again it's
14 great to work with my state officers,
15 directors and chairman. And you people have
16 been super. Thank you for all.

17 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you worthy
18 state warden. At this time the Chair
19 recognizes our state advocate Michael Kish.
20 Please rise.

21 MICHAEL KISH: Worthy Reverend
22 father, worthy state deputy, worthy supreme
23 advocate, my brothers all, and guests I
24 should say. Sorry. First off, I'd like to
25 thank the convention committee. I think we

1 had a very good convention. Pretty much
2 everything went without any missteps or
3 anything. So that's very good. I'd also
4 like to thank the Body for reelecting me as
5 a state advocate. I do look forward to
6 another year of working with everybody and
7 trying to do the best we can do for the
8 State of Pennsylvania.

9 Over the weekend we had a couple of
10 very great speeches one by our supreme
11 advocate, our -- I also almost called you
12 supreme knight. Our state deputy and the
13 bishop last night. And one of the things
14 that kind of flowed through all these speeches
15 as great as they were was the idea of
16 service and the idea of charity.

17 And if we think about the Knights of
18 Columbus and they said it of more much
19 eloquently than I will, that is what we are
20 about. And if we expect to do the job that
21 we do and do the charitable works that we do
22 we do need to bring more men into our order.
23 We need to bring those men out there who
24 should be Brother Knights. It is our duty
25 and our obligation to ask catholic gentleman

1 to become Knights of Columbus.

2 If they are to live out their
3 vocation as Christians and followers of
4 Christ, what better way is it to do than
5 through the Knights of Columbus. I don't
6 know a better way. I can't think of a
7 better way.

8 I know my faith has grown since I
9 joined this Order. My charity has grown,
10 although sometimes last night I think Ron, I
11 lost a little charity. Sorry, Brother. He
12 showed charity last night. He definitely
13 did. But that's okay because we're brothers
14 and we can sometimes disagree on things and
15 still work together.

16 But we need to think about not the
17 numbers of membership because to be honest
18 with you, I don't really care about the
19 number. Sorry supreme advocate. I care
20 about the men we are trying to help. We all
21 know men out there that are foundering and
22 looking for a guiding light to take them
23 somewhere as our supreme advocate talked
24 about yesterday.

25 Go out there and go back to your

1 churches and go back to your neighborhoods
2 and your communities, find these men.
3 They're there. They want to be a group that
4 like we are that has a goal. They want to
5 be part of something like that. And it is
6 your duty. It is your obligation to go get
7 them. To help them to find the light and
8 continue to follow it until they reached
9 their goal. That's the challenge we all
10 have. Thank you. Have a safe drive home.
11 Vivat Jesus.

12 STATE DEPUTY: Thank you, worthy
13 state advocate. And think the I would like
14 to call our state treasurer, Jeffery Blaze
15 to the podium.

16 JEFFREY BLAZE: Brother Knights and
17 special ladies in the house, again, we all
18 know that the reason we're here is because
19 of the special ladies in the house. You've
20 heard that over the weekend and it is true.
21 I want to thank all of you for your support
22 in the last year. I want to thank the
23 finance committee for their wisdom and their
24 kick in the pants because I used it.

25 This has been a real education as

1 I've said before and an appreciate that. I
2 appreciate your support. I appreciate the
3 things that have gone on. It's been as
4 Frank has said it's been a wonderful
5 education working with all the state
6 officers, with the directors, with the
7 chairman. And we're going to continue that
8 in the future and we're going to get better.

9 It is our obligation and it is our
10 challenge that we go back to our councils
11 and we go back to our districts and we
12 inform them all of the educational things
13 that we have heard this weekend of all the
14 items that we talked about. It's so
15 important that we project this out that so
16 they know what's going on. You are our
17 lifeline along with every grand knight and
18 every DD that isn't here today.

19 Please do that. Please take that
20 opportunity. I would also like to do one
21 moment of housekeeping. If there is anybody
22 that's had a change of address in the last
23 year, please forward that to Paul or I.
24 It's very important that we have the right
25 addresses. And if there's anything else

1 that comes up or any questions, I'm going to
2 be around for a little while today, so
3 please contact me. Please have a safe trip
4 home. Vivat Jesus.

5 STATE DEPUTY: At this time I would
6 like to ask our state secretary Paul Sharum
7 to approach the podium.

8 PAUL SHARUM: Worthy state deputy,
9 worthy state chaplain, worthy supreme
10 advocate, my brothers all and ladies, I want
11 to first as everyone thank you for giving me
12 the opportunity to serve another year as
13 your state secretary. I want to just take a
14 second look around what do we see? We see a
15 lot of gray, we see a lot of white we see a
16 lot of silver hair. We see some balding
17 heads. And Mike, we see some bald heads.
18 Okay. It really wasn't at you.

19 And I actually fall into two of
20 these categories myself. In the State of
21 Pennsylvania the average age for a brother
22 knight is 62 years old. Sixty-two. That
23 means we have a lot of knowledge, a lot of
24 wisdom, experience. But it also means that
25 every month on average we are losing 95 to

1 100 Brother Knights every month.

2 Every year for the last several
3 years we have been losing between three and
4 500 brother Knights. Our numbers are
5 decreasing. In 2010, 2012 budget, they had
6 51,000 billable members. If you look at our
7 budget for this year we are at 43,000.

8 That's, you know, we're going down.
9 When we do our membership drives and we're
10 out talking to these, as the supreme
11 advocate and our advocate talked about
12 getting these younger guys in. If we go out
13 and we tell them everything we do at the
14 supreme level, state, local, and especially
15 our councils because we know that so well.

16 But what we really need to do is
17 talk to them and find out what they're doing
18 to be active. Are they, you know, with
19 their kids doing activities with their kids.
20 Are they doing things in their parish. Are
21 they out in the community doing things. And
22 when they tell you all this, you look at
23 them and you say you're doing exactly what
24 we as Knights of Columbus.

25 The only problem is you're not

1 getting the benefits of being a Knight of
2 Columbus. So when we ask them, do you want
3 to join? Would you look to join? What's
4 the typically the first thing they're going
5 to tell you? I don't have time.

6 What did you just? Do you told them
7 they're already doing what we do. So they
8 do have time because all they need to do is
9 join. And now they've got the opportunity
10 of being a knight.

11 When you get them in and the supreme
12 advocate talked about this, get them
13 involved. When you're doing a dinner or
14 something, have them come in when they want
15 to help, look at them and, you know, bring
16 them in to help cook. You never know you
17 may have somebody that is a chef, somebody
18 that really knows how to cook and can teach
19 you something.

20 You know, of course, you know,
21 Knights of Columbus are famous for bingos.
22 Maybe that person is somebody that likes
23 bingo, would like to become a caller. Maybe
24 he already does it for some organization.
25 He's a backup caller. He may be somebody

1 that is really interested in the, you know,
2 the right to life.

3 You know he can help you in your
4 parish. Maybe he has a program much like
5 your former state advocate mentioned, I'm
6 involved with crib for kids. I brought that
7 to my Council to the state. Maybe he can
8 bring you something to your Council.
9 Another activity that you guys can work on.
10 Some you need to get them involved. Keep
11 them involved, especially these younger
12 guys.

13 I want to talk to something
14 paraphrased by a lady who worked for crib
15 for kids until she lost her life to cancer
16 certify. She once said too much people out
17 there are trying to do everything they can
18 to make their life a happy one. And that's
19 not a bad thing that she said. That's not
20 really what she should be doing.

21 You should be out there trying to
22 make a difference. A difference in the
23 world. A difference in your state. A
24 difference in your community. A difference
25 for one person. And one person. You know,

1 you hear us talking about recruit, recruit,
2 recruit. And you talked a lot of the
3 councils, they say all these guys are
4 worried up here are numbers. In a way it's
5 true we are worried about numbers. But
6 that's because we are declining. We are
7 going down.

8 If we keep this trend, at some point
9 our state will no longer be relevant as far
10 as doing the kinds of things we do. What we
11 need to do to be relevant is to -- I'm not
12 asking us to recruit to get us up where we
13 used to be. I'm asking to get us up to
14 where we are not losing members. So we can
15 stay relevant and we can make that
16 difference in the world, in the state, in
17 our parish for that one person. That's
18 about a we need to do.

19 Brothers, have a safe trip home.
20 Vivat Jesus.

21 STATE DEPUTY: Now at this time I
22 would like to ask our immediate past state
23 deputy Stanley Gowatski for a few remarks.

24 PAST STATE DEPUTY: Father Sherdel,
25 worthy state deputy, supreme advocate, my

1 brother Knights all, and lovely ladies who
2 are all in the back corner over there. It's
3 nice to see you here.

4 As you can see, I'm pretty happy and
5 I don't have as much as I had to do
6 previously. So it makes me feel a lot
7 better. But we were talking, I thank the
8 gentleman for all their comments because I
9 think they hit the nail on the head when
10 they said what we as Knights of Columbus
11 need to did and continue to do.

12 Because without us there's so much
13 that is going to be left behind. I was just
14 thinking about the times that I work at
15 the -- or volunteer at a museum in
16 Pittsburgh, give tours. And I see groups of
17 children come in. And sometimes these
18 children are very needy. I see the fact
19 that they don't got anywhere. It's an
20 opportunity for them. I see the way they're
21 dressed. I walk along the streets of
22 Pittsburgh and I see people who will looking
23 for help.

24 I walk along the rivers and coming
25 up to the museum and I see people living in

1 cardboard boxes. So it makes me think about
2 this world needs help, believe me. There
3 are many people out there that need help.
4 So some of these might be our own brothers
5 who need that help.

6 And so it's up to us to take that
7 time and go and work with people in a system
8 wherever we can. Sometimes people will say
9 well, that's not my problem to do. You
10 know, they can do it on their own. They
11 don't need the money. They don't need this.
12 They don't need that. But we don't know
13 that.

14 So it's important for us as Brother
15 Knights to use that charity and unity and
16 fraternity that we have to make sure that we
17 are helping others. Last year my motto was
18 faith, hope and love. And you know in this
19 world we are going to need to strength in
20 our faith because believe me, it's going to
21 be challenged as time goes. On it's going
22 to be challenged.

23 And we need to hope that we can
24 continue to do the things that we are doing
25 to help so many other people. And we need

1 to keep that idea of love in our hearts
2 because it's very important to love our
3 brothers. And to make sure that we are
4 doing something for them to assist in
5 keeping them close to our heart at all
6 times.

7 So I hope that all of you gentleman
8 when you leave here and go back to your
9 councils, you'll begin to do these things
10 that we have heard here today. And we
11 continue the work that we do, as I've always
12 said, to make a difference in the lives of
13 those who need us. And I want to
14 congratulate our state officers. And hope
15 that we will continue to work throughout
16 this fraternal year next year to bring into
17 this order new members, new ideas and new
18 programs that are going to make a difference
19 in the lives of those people who need us.
20 Vivat Jesus.

21 STATE DEPUTY: And at this time for
22 his final remarks and it's my pleasure to
23 have our supreme advocate John Morella.
24 Please rise.

25 SUPREME ADVOCATE: Thank you worthy

1 state advocate and dear friends and guests
2 and Brothers Knights, thank you. It's been
3 such a great joy to be here. As I said last
4 night, Amy and I feel like we are really
5 among friends. We're deeply grateful for
6 all the kind words and friendly gestures
7 that we received over the last three days.
8 So please understand from the bottom of our
9 hearts, thank you.

10 Congratulations on a great
11 convention. It's really been terrific.
12 It's gone like clockwork. And that doesn't
13 just happen accident. There's a lot of hard
14 work. Please be assured I will tell the
15 supreme knight that the Pennsylvania
16 jurisdiction is strong. Maybe a little old,
17 but strong. Tough guys and high morale. So
18 we'll work on the youth piece.

19 And of course, as I said last night
20 and others have said, we must live lives of
21 service and sacrifice but also become men
22 and women of prayer because that's sustains
23 and under rights everything that with we do.

24 I talked about how we need to live
25 the life more. Has anybody read the

1 Catholic thing? It's a website. The
2 catholic thing, one word, dot org. Every
3 day there's great content on there. And
4 it's a one column. You can read it in
5 probably five minutes or less.

6 And today the reason I mention is
7 today's is very good. It's about
8 integrating prayer into your life. So look
9 at the catholic thing for May 21st. And
10 speaking of prayer, also please be assured
11 that Amy and I will keep all of you and the
12 jurisdiction in our prayers and as we return
13 home and in the days and weeks to come. So
14 thank you all very much. Safe home for
15 everybody. Vivat Jesus.

16 STATE DEPUTY: One final reminder,
17 the central east will be meeting over in the
18 right corner right after the meeting.
19 Finally, it is now the time for me to
20 release all the committees for their hard
21 work this weekend. I'd like also to say
22 that these last ten months have been a great
23 joy. And I'm very proud to have served as
24 your state deputy. I have to say I have to
25 thank the committee for a fantastic job.

1 thank you for all you've done for the first
2 ten months. But remember we have two more
3 and we got to just a little bit more, you
4 know, keep it going.

5 And you Brother Knights, you Grand
6 Knights I am proud to see you here. I'm
7 going to give you a little secret what the
8 State's coming up with. We're trying to
9 work on a program to get you back into a
10 seminar. I don't know how long it's going
11 to take but we're going to work on it.

12 We've feel you're the backbone of
13 the back of the Knights of Columbus and you
14 should be informed just as of much as
15 everybody else. So we are going to do what
16 we can to get you back. But in the meantime
17 when we set up a grand knight training
18 program, please attend. You're getting the
19 same information that we would be giving out
20 at a seminar and sometimes updated
21 information because it's after the seminar.
22 It's very important for you to attend those
23 meetings. And we come to your areas, we
24 make it even easier for you. If there's
25 anyway we can make it any easier than coming

1 to your house, let us know. Because we're
2 trying to communicate with you. We
3 definitely want you to have the information.
4 Did you enjoy yourself this week at this
5 convention? Did you bring any children with
6 you? Part of the our organization for this
7 administration was family and faith, maybe
8 not necessarily that way that we have it up
9 on the banner. But it is faith and family.

10 Well, we know we have faith and now
11 we're starting to get the family back into
12 the Knights of Columbus and I appreciate
13 everyone of you who brought your children,
14 grandsons, grandchildren, nieces, nephews,
15 whatever because somewhere down the road,
16 those children are going to remember the
17 Knights of Columbus in the Kalahari Resort.

18 And maybe, I know ladies that when
19 your daughters get married they should be
20 able a say to their husband you should be a
21 knight and take our kids to the Kalahari
22 Resort. It's a quite an experience, to say
23 the least, like for what a schedule of the
24 state deputy is. It is a not an easy task.
25 I'm going to be very honest if you don't

1 have your family's support this could be one
2 of the toughest jobs in the world.

3 I have a wonderful wife Jean, who's
4 right by my side. She helps me constantly.
5 I sometimes wonder how I would do without
6 her. I know she can do without me but I
7 don't know how I'm going to do without her.
8 It's a great experience, believe me. I just
9 want to say, our supreme advocate mentioned
10 about Father McGivney if he was Jesuit.
11 Well, think about this, thank God he wasn't.
12 But think about this, Father McGivney went
13 into a basement of a church 135 years ago to
14 start the Knights of Columbus. He got 32
15 men, 32 catholic men to join.

16 Because of all the destruction and
17 the murders and the agony that the Catholic
18 had to take at that time. You think it
19 changed much? I think they're still trying
20 to persecute us? Get rid of us? You think
21 they're afraid of us? I do. I think Father
22 McGivney was ahead of his time. Because
23 he's telling us exactly 135 years we have
24 the same problem now.

25 Advertise what do. Let them know

1 the Knights of Columbus is in town. Let
2 them know that you have a meeting every once
3 or twice a month. Let them know. Invite
4 them to come to your social meetings. Tell
5 them a little bit about what the Knights of
6 Columbus is.

7 I had a gentleman who used to do our
8 free throw and he wasn't a knight. He used
9 to set the basketball court up every time we
10 had the free throw. He'd mark the floor
11 this is for the ten year old, do the whole
12 thing. I asked him to join the Knights, oh,
13 I don't have time. Just think about what he
14 said. I don't have time. But he's there.
15 He's marking the floor. He's doing the
16 whole thing.

17 So the following -- I didn't
18 pressure him. The following year I said,
19 are you going to set up the court? Oh,
20 yeah, I'll do that. Yeah, no problem.
21 Okay. So I said, you want to join? He
22 said, no, Charlie, I told you, I don't have
23 time for that. I said, okay, that's fine.

24 The third year he came, he set up
25 the court, the whole thing. I gave him the

1 Form 100, an ink pen. I said, you fill it
2 out. Don't tell me about time, you're doing
3 it. And he signed. He became our grand
4 knight. He become a star council, two years
5 as a grand knight, worked up. Doesn't miss
6 a meeting.

7 Now there's a guy that said he never
8 had time. Doesn't miss a meeting, did a
9 fantastic job. That's what we're looking
10 for. That guy that comes in and does the
11 work and nobody asks him to join. He
12 just -- he's there. How about when you have
13 Christmas parties or when you're running
14 your own free throw and the guy is
15 rebounding, he's not a knight. Can't say he
16 doesn't have time, he's there.

17 These are the people we have to
18 reach out to because if they weren't
19 interested, they wouldn't be there. They
20 wouldn't be participating in our functions.
21 When you have a function in your Council, do
22 you have one person just to walk around ask
23 anyone if they're interested to join the
24 Knights of Columbus?

25 Did you ever think of that as you're

1 serving the table have a Form 100 hanging
2 out of pocket? Or put one of them nice,
3 beautiful shirts that's, like, tattooed on
4 your back, join the Knights of Columbus, ask
5 me how. These are the little simple things.

6 You know, Joe Cattis told me
7 something and this is a funny situation
8 because Joe Catti has probably two join the
9 Knights of Columbus ask me how T-shirts, and
10 he was finally wearing one cutting the
11 grass. And his neighbors said, well how do
12 I? And Joe said, how do you do what? Cut
13 the grass? You said, Jeez, you get the
14 lawnmower and you push.

15 He goes, no. How do I join? He
16 said, you're not a Knight? He says, no.
17 Well how come? He said you never asked.
18 Now his neighbor for 20-some years, living
19 next door, he never asked him to join the
20 Knights of Columbus. Think about that.
21 Twenty-three years you could have had a man
22 working for you.

23 And oh, by the way Paul, about this
24 hair thing, I'm going to tell you something,
25 when I joined the Knights of Columbus, my

1 hair was nice and dark. Now it's getting
2 lighter. But I'm dying it like this so
3 everybody thinks I'm getting older.

4 I just want to the leave you with a
5 few remarks and that was one of them that I
6 thought was very important. And it's like
7 anything else, no organization will survive
8 without you. You're the key. You're the
9 person that keeps your organization going.
10 I know it's difficult to sign up young men,
11 especially the ones that just get married,
12 they have a few kids.

13 But maybe if they found out that
14 we're at Kalahari and their kids could have
15 went to the water park, they might be a
16 little interested now. You know, it might
17 sway that a little bit to get that man to
18 join to get his kids involved here. But if
19 it isn't, just listen. This is what happens
20 when you get married, you have a couple kids
21 one's in basketball, one's in volleyball,
22 one's a cheerleader. Wife's going that way,
23 husband's going that way. And the other kid
24 well, I'll take the two you take the one.
25 Okay. That's good. Let's go. They don't

1 have time. I can understand that. But
2 they're kids don't stay young forever. They
3 go to college.

4 Now he has a lot of time. He's not
5 driving them to a basketball game or a
6 baseball game or whatever, soccer game. Now
7 he has that extra time. That's the man that
8 will sign the application because he has
9 free time. And he can't say, I don't have
10 time. So let's just go out and look for
11 those people. They're ought there.

12 And like I told you before, you
13 don't even have to have a Form 100 for him
14 to sign. See, when you tell a guy you want
15 to fill out a Form 100, he has no idea. You
16 can say an application, then he has an idea.
17 But you say Form 100, we know what it is.
18 They have no idea.

19 But just do this, even if you don't
20 have a Form 100 in your pocket, get his name
21 and phone number on a piece of paper. Carry
22 an ink pen. And get his name and phone
23 number on a piece of paper and you can sign
24 him up because now you got a contact. You
25 know exactly how to reach him.

1 Poor Nicholas, who is the bellhop
2 here, I got his phone number in my cell
3 phone. Is he in trouble. And I do have it
4 in here. He said if you need me, Mr.
5 Vagnarelli, and I was thinking he was
6 talking about my father, but I understand he
7 was talking about me. I figured I got old
8 now too. I forgot about that.

9 But I'm looking in my phone for one
10 simple reason. I want to give you dates for
11 the seminar, and I don't want to give you
12 the wrong ones. So just give me two seconds
13 because I'm not one of these computer
14 experts. I've learned an awful lot in the
15 last ten months. Okay.

16 For July's seminar, the youth
17 chairman, you Chairman, you will be coming
18 in on the 21st of July. You got that now?
19 You will be getting a letter from me and a
20 notice of letting me know if you and your
21 wife are coming to the seminar. Right? And
22 if she's going to be attending the luncheon,
23 it's very important. We pay for those
24 luncheons. And if they don't go to them, we
25 don't want to spend my more money than we

1 have to. The UDDs, you'll be coming in on
2 the 22nd of July. And that goes for you
3 too. You'll be getting a letter from me
4 notifying you that it's on the 22nd. I'll
5 be giving you the information and the phone
6 number of the Grantville Hotel in
7 Grantville. I almost got to memorized but I
8 had but I don't want to take a chance and
9 give it to you.

10 Now, these are important meetings,
11 especially me for you DDs. It's a
12 two-meeting year for you. You have to
13 attend the July seminar and the January
14 seminar. It is imperative for you to get
15 the information to pass on to the councils.
16 This was on an e-mail on June 3rd at 2PM, we
17 have what they call a supreme webinar.

18 Now, for any of that you are
19 interested, it's this year -- this webinar
20 is going to be how to finish the year and
21 start a new year. I know that's their
22 title. Mine is how this year's going and
23 keep it going for next year. That's the way
24 I look at it. There's no finish and no
25 start. There's no end of June. That's it.

1 The year is over membership, doesn't quit
2 because June's done, nope it keeps going
3 right through. There's no end. It's a
4 complete cycle, one circle, just keeping
5 around in membership. But there is a
6 webinar on June the 3rd, 2PM. It's a
7 supreme webinar. It's on the internet. And
8 I know you know how to get in there. So you
9 can get very good information from these
10 webinars, by the way. You don't have to
11 answer any questions, you just listen.
12 Sometimes that's even harder.

13 I guess that's all I have to say for
14 you and just want to say thank you for
15 coming. And if you didn't like something,
16 talk to the committee. If you enjoyed it,
17 you can tell me. It's nice to hear good
18 things once in a while, you know, it's not
19 always bad. A lot of good things happen in
20 this world and one of them was when you were
21 born. Look at that, that was a great thing,
22 wasn't it.

23 So before I close, I got to let one
24 of my favorite people, one of my favorite
25 and by the way, I have to say this, Frank

1 Rozzo is my State Warden, does a fantastic
2 job. He has the room set up. He's always
3 ready. My State Advocate, sometimes I call
4 him supreme advocate, if you hear -- I'm
5 sorry to do say, I do that. He has so many
6 things on his plate, I think he's supreme.
7 But he right, he can't tell you everything
8 he does. But he tells me, so I know what he
9 does. He's a very hard worker and he does a
10 great job.

11 Jeff, if it wasn't for Jeff I would
12 never get paid. So Jeff does a good job.
13 He's with the books. He's been keeping a
14 lot of people on their toes lately. So he's
15 learned a few items and he's happy. Happy
16 to be where he's at. Thank you, Jeff, you
17 did a good job.

18 Paul Sharum, what can I say about
19 Paul? Well, Paul's the type of guy, he's
20 like Charlie, he's up at 12:00 at night.
21 He's calling me on the phone. He says, I
22 know you're up because you're on the
23 computer. You sent me an e-mail. Oh, I
24 should have never did that. And then we
25 state stay on the phone for about an hour

1 and a half. So then it becomes two o'clock
2 in the morning and then we go take a nap and
3 get up again. Paul's right on his job. And
4 he will not do anything without checking
5 with me. He's been that way from the
6 beginning; am I correct, Paul?

7 We discuss it, and if we have any
8 other issues, we work it out with all the
9 rest of our state officers. Now, the
10 important man that keeps us in line a lot is
11 Father Larry. Father Larry is spiritual
12 leader. He does a terrific job. Every time
13 we ask Father Larry to do something, he not
14 only does it, he goes beyond that. And I
15 have to say without a doubt he's a great
16 state chaplain.

17 And I'm going to let him finish this
18 convention with his remarks. Please rise
19 and meet our State Chaplain, Father Larry.

20 STATE CHAPLAIN: Wow, all you guys,
21 really cover the base bases. You don't
22 leave anything else to be said. But since
23 everything's being recorded, the room looks
24 so much more beautiful with the ladies in
25 the back. Yeah. And it has been a unique

1 and special convention because you brought
2 your children. It was wonderful to see them
3 running around and eating with us. And I'm
4 glad they had a good time. At least I heard
5 they had a good time at water park. I
6 didn't get down to that end myself. But
7 thank you for bringing them.

8 It has been a family me affair, a
9 family convention. And the only other thing
10 I'd like to say about that is that it's
11 wonderful not only that these gentleman have
12 been re-elected but that my Bishop was able
13 to allow me to be a part of the Knights of
14 Columbus state family. For that I'll always
15 be grateful, even though it's still
16 difficult to get coverage when you're doing
17 something like this.

18 It is an honor to be here with you.
19 I did say to someone at this convention
20 that, you know, you work with a lot of
21 ladies in the parish, not exclusively, but a
22 lot of the offices are filled with ladies.
23 And every once in a while you have to tell
24 them, I have to get with the guys. You
25 know, you got to be with the gentleman.

1 we've used.

2 It's obvious we've used. And the
3 truth has gone out. People have been
4 attracted to it. People have been invited
5 into the order. And so much has been done.
6 We praise God for that. I'd just like to
7 remind you at the end here that what we do,
8 the church does too. We're Catholic
9 gentleman. We work together with the
10 church. You work with the priest and the
11 bishops.

12 And I know, they're for the most
13 part, open to you and what you do. And I'll
14 try to continue working on the ones who may
15 have doubts or questions. But we're working
16 together because we have are the people of
17 God. We are the body of Christ on earth,
18 the church. Christ is the our head and
19 we'll never forget that. So we continue to
20 onward and into the future with re-elected
21 state officers.

22 And I'm glad Charlie is re-elected
23 here. I thank everyone, our State
24 Advocate -- and not our state advocate, I'm
25 sorry. Our Supreme Advocate and our State

1 Advocate. But everyone who has been here
2 and made this convention so special.

3 The Kalahari now has new people to
4 go out and talk about it. And I'm sure
5 they'll do well because even though it's in
6 a way a bumpy start for them, they're doing
7 well and will be force to be reckoned with
8 here in the Poconos. Of course, I can't
9 give up my Disney roots, you know. Mickey
10 has Animal Kingdom, you know, much like
11 this. And that's part of me. Part of my
12 history.

13 Thank you for everything you've
14 done. And thank you for supporting me and
15 listening to me. And I'm honored to be the
16 celebrant at the masses that I need to
17 celebrate here for you. I'll keep trying.
18 So God Bless you. Safe trip home and Vivat
19 Jesus.

20 STATE DEPUTY: Before we close, I
21 would like to let you know that our July
22 seminar is going to have a little twist.
23 All right. We are going to have what they
24 call a western theme. No more suits and
25 ties. You can come dressed in a little

1 cowboy uniform. Don't carry any guns
2 because we're not allowed to have guns.
3 We're going to have an open seminar this
4 year. We're going to see if that will bring
5 more of you to attend.

6 So it's going to be a western theme,
7 so dress appropriately. Father, would you
8 leave us with a prayer -- closing prayer.

9 STATE CHAPLAIN: Let us pray.
10 Almighty God and Father, we are grateful
11 that we have been able to live and work
12 together these past few days here at the
13 Kalahari Resort. And we pray that you, who
14 have guided us through our deliberations and
15 our decision making, have committed yourself
16 to being with us in the future as well so
17 that much more may be done.

18 Bless us as we leave this place.
19 May we arrive home safely to our families
20 and our friends. May they enjoy your
21 presence in their lives, health, happiness
22 and good life. And may be the Knights of
23 Columbus, for whom we work, bring much
24 needed solace and comfort into the lives of
25 many people with whom we work and to whom we

1 minister. We have so much to do that You
2 will be with us and we will praise your name
3 now and forever. Amen.

4 May the blessings of almighty God,
5 the Father and Son and Holy Spirit come down
6 on you now and remain with you forever.
7 Amen. And safe home.

8 STATE DEPUTY: We will finish with a
9 closing note. I now declare this 119 State
10 Convention adjourned.

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