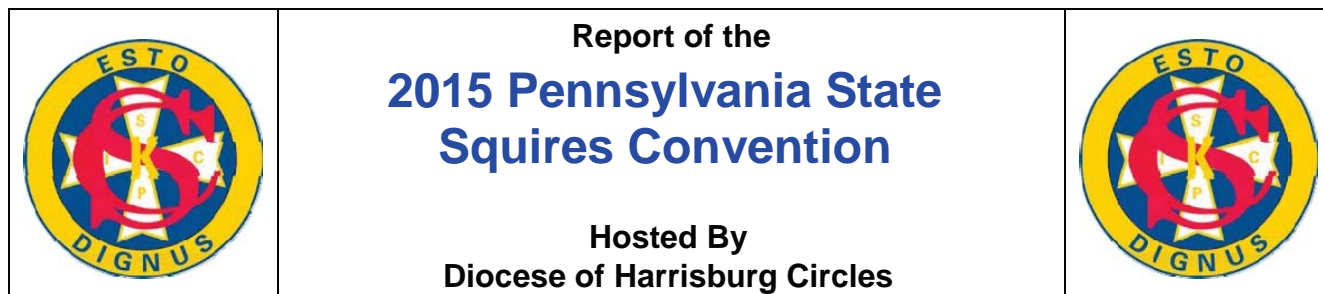


2015 Pennsylvania State Squires Convention



The 58th Annual Pennsylvania State Squires Convention was held at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish Center in Mechanicsburg, PA, April 17th through April 19th. The Squire Circles of the Harrisburg Diocese hosted the event. Over twenty Squires representing seven different Circles from across the State plus adult counselors and State dignitaries attended the 2015 Convention.

Weekend activities began on Friday evening for out of town participants with an Evening Prayer service led by Fr. Ed Schleicher (State Father Prior) followed by introductions, a review of the weekend agenda, pizza and fellowship.

The 2015 Squires Convention officially opened on Saturday morning with Morning Prayer led by the State Father Prior, Pledge of Allegiance was led by State Marshal Squire Patrick Wood and a welcome and introduction of guests and dignitaries by Associate State Chairman, Mr. Charles Rice. State Chief Squire Robert Bratina called the meeting to order and introduced State Youth and Squires Director Michael Yakubick for his comments. The meeting proceeded with the roll call of officers, circles and delegates.

Circles in attendance included #5102 St. Joseph, Mechanicsburg, #5138 St. Joseph High School, Natrona Heights, #5176 St. Rose of Lima, York, #5250 Fr. Daniel Mahoney, Harrisburg, #5444 St. Mary's of the Assumption, Glenshaw, #5555 St. Michael, Waynesboro, and #5645 Trinity High School, Camp Hill. Circle #5704 Buckingham, was unable to attend but sent a report of activities. There were 20 active circles in Pennsylvania at the time of the convention and a total of 32 in various stages of activity or formation.

General business followed with reports on State Circle programs and circle activities, and a first reading of nominations and applications for State officer positions. All circles in attendance presented a brief report on their circle activities. Many of the presentations made by the Squires were done in PowerPoint, as was the State Circle report.

SFP Fr. Ed Schleicher, Deacon Jack Demnyan and Seminarian Kevin O'Connor answered questions posed by Squires in attendance. Breakout sessions had the SCS Robert and Fr. Ed leading the Squires in discussion of re-vamping the convention format, location and meals, in addition the half-page ad for inclusion in the Supreme Convention Book was designed and approved for submission. Counselors met during this time to seek ways to better communicate and increase Circles throughout the state. The group adjourned for the Convention Banquet.

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Following dinner, the business session was reconvened to elect officers for the upcoming year. Chief Squire Stephen Pater (#5138 Natrona Heights) DCS Nicholas Bratina (#5250 Harrisburg), Notary Bryce Floyd (#5176 York), Bursar Patrick Wood (#5645 Camp Hill) were elected to serve the State Circle for the 2015-16 fraternal year beginning July 1st. Tim Gannon was appointed State Marshal Squire. Jared Zimmerman and Alex Herman were appointed State Sentry Squires. Caiden Williams and Vasil Schur were appointed State Auditors.

The 2015 State Squires Convention business session was closed by State Chief Squire Robert Bratina at 6:45 PM. FSP Fr. Ed celebrated Mass, new State Officers were installed and awards presented.

All activities were concluded with a Night Prayer Service prepared by our Father Prior.

After celebration of Mass, Father Ed, and Mr. Yakubick all assisted in the installation of the newly elected Officers. Mark Hlavinka (Cir. #5528) was named the recipient of the "2015 Charles J. Frank, Sr. Memorial Scholarship \$500". Adam Burke (Cir. #5102) was the winner of the "2015 State Circle Essay Contest \$300" and David Newcomer was named the "2015 Squire of the Year" by the Pennsylvania State Circle. State Chief Squire Robert Bratina received a tenure as the State Chief Squire of Pennsylvania.

Departure occurred on Sunday morning after farewells were shared.

State Officers and Dignitaries in attendance:

Father Ed Schleicher, State Father Prior

Michael N. Yakubick, State Youth and Squire Director

Charles Rice, Chief Counselor Circle #5250, Associate State Squires Chairman

Dr. Walter Zimmerman, Chief Counselor Circle #5176, Associate State Squires Chairman

Dr. Stanley Conover, Counselor Circle #5509, Associate State Squires Chairman

Greg Mikelajczak, Chief Counselor Circle #5102

Raymond Newcomer, Chief Counselor Circle #5444

William Bennett, Chief Counselor Circle #5555

Jerome Wood, Chief Counselor Circle #5645

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2015 SQUIRE OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION
STATE FATHER PRIOR FATHER ED SCHLEICHER,
RECEIPIENT DAVID NEWCOMER, DAD RAY NEWCOMER



2015 -2016 STATE SQUIRE OFFICERS
JARED ZIMMERMAN (Sentry) PATRICK WOOD (Bursar) STEVE PATER
(Chief Squire) FATHER ED, NICK BRATINA (Dep Chief Squire) BRYCE
FLOYD (Notary) TIM GANNON (Marshal) ALEX HERMAN (Sentry)

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INSTALLATION of OFFICERS



CHIEF SQUIRE



DEPUTY CHIEF SQUIRE



NOTARY



BURSAR



MARSHAL



SENTRIES

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A VERY SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE KNIGHTS WHO DO SO VERY MUCH FOR THE SQUIRES & SQUIRE ROSES OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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