

**District of Columbia State Council
Knights of Columbus
Minutes of the Business Session of the 120th Annual Meeting
April 27, 2019 Saint John Paul II National Shrine**

State Deputy Otto Heck, KHS, FDD, PGK, PFN, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and State Chaplain Rev. Gary Studniewski opened the meeting with a prayer.

- I. Opening and Administrative Items
 - a. State Deputy Heck welcomed the following special guests and Columbian Dignitaries:
 - i. General Agent Robert Callaway, Callaway Agency
 - ii. Michael W. Thumm, FDD, PGK, PFN, Master of the Fourth Degree
 - iii. Former Supreme Warden George Hanna, PSD, FM, FDD, PGK, PFN
 - iv. Supreme Director of Chaplains, Fr. Jonathon Kalisch, O.P., PGK
 - b. State Deputy Heck then specifically recognized Fr. Studniewski for celebrating the opening Mass.
 - c. The State Deputy then appointed State Advocate Le. Nguyen as the Parliamentarian for the Annual Meeting.
 - d. Regularity of Credentials
 - i. State Secretary Brandon Brown, FDD, PGK, delivered the report as follows:
 1. Councils in the Jurisdiction Eligible to a Vote: 21
Councils under suspension: 4
Councils Entitled to Voting Delegates: 21
Total Possible Delegates: 42
State Officers: 7
Total Possible Voting Members: 49
State Officers: 7
Grand Knights/Alternates: 21
Immediate Past Grand Knights/Alternates: 21
 - ii. State Deputy Heck moved for adoption which received sufficient second and was approved.
 - e. Appointment of Standing Committees
 - i. State Deputy Heck appointed the committees of the convention as it was reflected in the convention materials (attached).

- f. Report of the Committee on Credentials
 - i. State Secretary Brown reported that of the 49 members of the State Council entitled to a vote at the convention, 39 were present as follows:
 - State Officers: 6
 - Grand Knights/Alternates: 20
 - Past Grand Knights/Alternates: 13
 - ii. State Secretary Brown moved for the adoption of his report which received sufficient second and was approved.
 - g. Greetings to the Convention
 - i. State Deputy Heck announced that greetings had been received by the following which were read to the convention by the following:
 - 1. His Eminence Donald Cardinal Wuerl, Archbishop of Washington (Read by Nathan Ledoux, Grand Knight of The Catholic University of America Council #9542)
 - 2. Most Rev. Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, USA (Read by Col. M. Fred "Jazz" Armstrong, USAF - Ret., St. Michael the Archangel Council #14823)
 - 3. Most Rev. Stephen Lopes, Ordinary, Personal Ordinariate of the Chair of St. Peter (Read by Patrick Rothwell, Grand Knight, St. John Fisher Council #16499)
 - 4. Monsignor Walter R. Rossi, Rector, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (Read by George Hanna, Former Supreme Warden and Past State Deputy, President of DC Knights of Columbus Charities, Inc.)
 - 5. Hon. Carl A. Anderson, Supreme Knight (Read by the State Deputy)
 - 6. Hon. Muriel Bowser, Mayor, District of Columbia (Read by the State Deputy)
 - h. Approval of the Minutes of the 119th Annual Meeting
 - i. State Secretary Brown moved that the minutes of the 119th annual meeting, which were included in meeting packets, be approved. The motion received sufficient second and was approved by voice vote.
- II. Reports of State Officers
- a. State Deputy
 - i. State Deputy Heck turned control of the meeting to State Secretary Brown who introduced State Deputy Heck for the Report of the State Deputy.
 - 1. The State Advocate moved that that convention extend its sincere appreciation and gratitude to the State Deputy for his timely message and that his report be received and filed. The motion received sufficient second and was approved by voice vote.
 - ii. State Secretary Brown returned control of the meeting to the State Deputy.

- b. State Treasurer
 - i. State Treasurer Chris Pierno, FDD, PGK delivered the attached report and moved for its adoption. A sufficient second was received and the motion carried.

- III. Report of District Deputies
 - a. The following District Deputies delivered reports which are attached:
 - i. District Deputy #1 Col. Fred Armstrong
 - ii. District Deputy #2 Kenneth Brown
 - iii. District Deputy #3 Alexander Unanka
 - iv. District Deputy #4 James Strahota
 - v. District Deputy #5. Michael Viviano
 - vi. District Deputy #6 Lt. Christiaan Van Nispen

- IV. Report of State Directors and Chairman
 - a. The following State Directors and Chairman delivered reports which are attached:
 - i. State Program Director Joshua Bryant, FDD, PGK
 - ii. State Membership Nicholas Shields, FDD, PGK
 - iii. State Ceremonial Director Ethan Kelley
 - iv. Nominations Committee Chairman Brad Kelly, GK, Potomac Council 433.

- V. Resolutions
 - a. State Advocate Nguyen delivered the report of the resolutions committee. The delegates to the convention approved of all recommendations made by the committee on the resolutions presented. See attached report.

The business session recessed for lunch and the annual meeting of DC Knights of Columbus Charities at 12:15 pm. The business session returned to order at 1:25 pm.

- VI. Elections
 - State Deputy Heck proceeded to the election of State Officers.
 - a. State Deputy
 - i. The State Deputy recognized Grand Knight Brad Kelly, the Chairman of the Nominations Committee, who nominated Brandon J. Brown of St. Michael the Archangel Council #14823. The State Deputy called for further nominations, but none were entered.
 - ii. The State Deputy recognized the Nominations Committee Chairman who moved that the State Treasurer be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in the name of Brandon J. Brown for the office of State Deputy. The motion received sufficient second and was agreed to by voice vote.

- b. State Secretary
 - i. The State Deputy recognized the Chairman of the Nominations Committee, who nominated Christopher Pierno of Potomac Council #433 for State Secretary.
 - ii. The State Deputy called for further nominations, but none were entered.
 - iii. The State Deputy recognized the Nominations Committee Chairman who moved that the State Advocate be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in the name of Christopher Pierno for the office of State Secretary. The motion received sufficient second and was agreed to by voice vote.

- c. State Treasurer
 - i. The State Deputy recognized the Chairman of the Nominations Committee, who nominated Le N. Nguyen of Sacred Heart Council Council #16215 for State Treasurer.
 - ii. The State Deputy called for further nominations, but none were entered.
 - iii. The State Deputy recognized the Nominations Committee Chairman who moved that the State Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in the name of Le Nguyen for the office of State Secretary. The motion received sufficient second and was agreed to by voice vote.

- d. State Advocate
 - i. The State Deputy recognized the Chairman of the Nominations Committee, who nominated Jerome E. Dirscoll of Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle Council #11302 for State Advocate.
 - ii. The State Deputy called for further nominations, but none were entered.
 - iii. The State Deputy recognized the Nominations Committee Chairman who moved that the State Treasurer be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in the name of Jerome E. Driscoll for the office of State Treasurer. The motion received sufficient second and was agreed to by voice vote.

- e. State Warden
 - i. The State Deputy recognized the recognized the Chairman of the Nominations Committee, who nominated Fred "Jazz" Armstrong of St. Michael the Archangel Council #14823 for State Warden.
 - ii. The State Deputy called for further nominations, but none were entered.
 - iii. The State Deputy recognized the State Secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot in the name of Fred "Jazz" Armstrong for the office of State Warden. The motion received sufficient second and was agreed to by voice vote.

- VII. Election of Delegates and Alternates to the Supreme Convention
 - a. In addition to its State Deputy and last living Immediate Past State Deputy, the District of Columbia is afforded one (1) additional delegate to the 137th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council to represent its associate membership. Brother Christopher Pierno of Council 433 was elected on a unanimous ballot as the Associate Delegate to the Supreme Convention.

- b. Brother Knights were elected alternates to the delegates to the 137th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council by unanimous ballots as follows:
 - i. Alternate to the State Deputy: Timothy M. Saccoccia of Council 16773
 - ii. Alternate to the Immediate Past State Deputy: George Hanna of Council 11578.
 - iii. Alternate to the Associate Delegate: Peter D. Gervais of Council 353.

- VIII. Remarks by Guests and Columbian Dignitaries
 - a. The following guests and Columbian Dignitaries delivered remarks to the Convention:
 - i. Michael W. Thumm, Master of the Fourth Degree, Archdiocese of Washington
 - ii. Robert Callaway, General Agent, Callaway Agency
 - iii. Director of Chaplains, Fr. Jonathon Kalisch, O.P., PGK

- IX. The State Secretary was recognized for announcements. At their conclusion, the State Deputy thanked all delegates, officers, and staff for their assistance in executing the business meeting and thanked the Saint John Paul II National Shrine for serving as the host of the convention.

- X. The closing prayer was given by State Chaplain Fr. Gary Studniewski, USA (Ret.). The State Deputy adjourned the business session of the 120th Annual Meeting, sine die, at 2:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandon J. Brown, KM, FDD, PGK,
State Secretary