

Informers

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Convention 2009

Esto Dignus

Welcome to the 54th convention of the Michigan Columbian Squires. Its very sad to see the low turn out this year, I guess the economy has really taken a toll on everything. I have some thoughts on what we can do but I'm going to need you help. I'll talk more about that at our counselor meeting.

I would like to congratulate State Chief Squire Sean Roland for a job well done. I wish him all the best in his future endeavors. As well as the rest of the state board, its been a tough year but everyone seemed to pull through it.

With the help of Marquette Program Director Duane Kovatchek, we have a new circle in Marquette, and Chassel. We will soon have circles in Iron Mountain and Souix Saint Marie. The U.P. is quickly growing and that is great news. In January we invested a new circle in Mt. Morrice and All Saints Council in Taylor has a reactivated circle. It will be great to see these circles at our state activities once they become more established.

I would like to thank Dan Nurenberg, Detroit Area Director North and Ray Gehlmann, Saginaw Area Director for their dedication to the Squires. Also thanks to Dan for taking on circulation making sure all circles are informed of happenings in the state circle. The Michigan State Council for their belief in the program. I thank my home circle Fr. Daniel A. Lord circle #801 and my home council Holy Cross #2739 for all their support and assistance. To the few but faithful circles that are always at all of the state activities, your dedication to the program means a lot. Of course I have to thank my family, my wife Kim and the girls Allie, Katelyn, Aubri and Mary Grace for putting up with me on the weekends I'm doing Squires stuff.

As we wind down this fraternal year and get ready for the next, we need circles to host activities. I'm asking you to consider hosting an activity so we can gather together and share Columbianism. Speaking of activities keep open the dates of August 7,8 & 9th for our annual canoe outing. Details will be out very soon.

Enjoy your stay here in Ludington and I hope to see you again very soon.

Yours in the youth of Christ

Matt Dziewit, SD

Here we are at another convention. Another year of squires gone. I'm writing this as Dan and I are working on the slideshow. It should be a good one. I hope everyone has a great time at convention. It is always fun so it won't be different this year.

Esto Dignus, Pete Smith, SHC

I welcome everyone to our 54th Michigan Squires Convention. It took a lot to get here but we did it. The State Board has been working very hard to make sure everything is enjoyable and that the weekend moves as smooth as possible. Also don't forget that even though we are here to do some serious business, Ludington is an exciting place! There is a wide selection of things to do such as go-karting, or you could stop by the House of Flavors for some of the greatest ice cream. Of course you can't forget that Ludington also has awesome beaches.

But before you go off having fun we have to cover some important stuff. First we have to cover by-laws and resolutions. This time of the convention is very important, because this is where you will decide the new rules for the up-coming year. Pay close attention to what is being changed and don't be afraid to ask questions about anything you don't understand. Speaking of by-laws I would like to thank my home circle, Circle #801, for becoming the by-laws committee after the previous circle backed out. I would especially like to thank Dylan Cooper for agreeing to be the committee chairman.

Another order of business that we must cover is elections. This time is also important because you will be deciding who will be making important decisions for the next year. Vote for the person you think will do the best job in the office they are running for. Try not to vote for some one just because they are your friend.

After all of that business is out of the way then we can all be ready for a great time at our banquet. I hope many circles submitted award reports so we can have everyone winning some thing. We will be having a few raffles so buy some tickets. You won't just be trying to win some cool prizes but you will also be helping the state.

One last thing I must say is to those current officers and to those of you who will be running. Being on the State Board is not a joke. You must be ready to work hard and to dedicate your life to the squires. The Squires program need great leadership now more than ever. I wish that I could run again and serve the state as a board member, but I cannot. Although I do have another year as a squire I will be starting to attend school at Schoolcraft College. Being in college will take up most of my time, but what ever I can do to help will be done. Any board members that have questions or just want some advice please feel free to ask me. I will be more than happy to help.

Well this article turned out to be much longer than I expected, I hope I saved enough to talk about in my speeches. Remember that this convention means business, but don't forget it is also to celebrate this year so have fun and Esto Dignus.

Sean Roland, SCS

Welcome to the 54th Annual convention. We need more members so that we can reshape the youth of Michigan. I have been racing gokarts for about a year, I got third a couple of weeks ago it's reall fun! And now it's summer so for all the guys that pull the all nighters good luck I am sleeping in so have fun with that! For the people who have not been on the state board if you do not become state board fulfil your duties both years I have been state board someone has lost the privilege of being a state officer, that is not what the squires should do what's our motto Esto Dignus, Be Worthy that's what you must do.

Adam Turek ASDCS

It's hard to believe, but here we all are at yet another convention. Though canoe has always been my favorite outing, convention is still the most important, and it can be just as exciting at times. I remember my first convention. It was about seven or eight years ago. It all seemed so big. I was amazed at by everything. The storm of balloons and decorations at the banquet. The state officers who greeted me as I walked into the hotel. The long serious meetings. The entertaining talent show along with the delicious ice cream buffet that followed. The circle traditions of old being remembered, and the foundations of new traditions being laid. The fun with friends and family, who are one in the same. The circle banners all hanging proudly around the state circle banner, showing respect and support. What great memories. I hope that these can continue, both for myself and for future squires. As Chief Squire of circle #801, I feel as though I play an important part in developing younger squires into stable minded young adults such as myself, just as my Chief Squires did for me. These young adults are the Knights of tomorrow. They are the future. To close, I would truly like to thank the State Chief Squire, Sean Roland, my Deputy Chief Squire at 801, for filling in for me lately because I couldn't be around as much as wanted to be. I hope your convention is great, and that it sets the foundation for the future. Good luck in college and stay focused.

Dylan Cooper, DACS

Greetings from the Saginaw Diocese!

Greetings to all as we gather for our annual State Convention. This has been quite a year. While we had challenges scheduling outings, we were also able to grow the squires with several new Circles.

To the outgoing officers, thank you for taking an interest in the Squires and doing your best. To the in-coming officers, please make sure that you know what your responsibilities are and perform your job well. Your fellow Squires have entrusted the future of the Squires to you. Do not be afraid to ask for help.

To the counselors that have given much of their time and talent to the squires, thank you—without your commitment, the Squires would not be here. It takes a lot of time and effort to make sure that the Circle is doing well and is active. Your support and guidance are invaluable! Please be sure to respect the hotel this weekend. Have a good time and remember that we are guests and our behavior reflects on the Squires.

Please be sure to drop by the hospitality room to take a break or grab a snack.

I look forward to a good convention.

Ray Gehlmann, SAD

Fellow squires first off I would like to say thanks to everyone who came to convention this year and congratulations to all the last year squires good luck In your later life I hope this year turns out to be another good year and we get alot accomplished

Matt Smith, DACN