

Metuchen Chapter September 26, 2024 Minutes

1. Call to Order and Inspection of Travel Cards meeting held at St Lawrence Council #10281, 109 Laurence Parkway, Laurence Harbor.
2. Opening Prayer Chaplain – Fr. Tom Lanzi lead us in prayer for the faithful
3. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the U.S.A.

Fr Lanzi spoke about his work with vocations and how he is trying to create relationship building and create spaces where potential candidates can share their concerns with each other over joining the priest hood. An example would be taking the candidates to the ball game. He is requesting a donation from the chapter for \$5000 a year for three years. He will be at our next meeting at the Rutgers Center on Nov 21.

3. Bill Hoffman led the installation of officers for the 2024 2025 fraternal year.

President Chris Duffett
Vice President Art Troccoli
Secretary Bill Murphy
Treasurer Scott Minnihan
Chaplain Fr Bill Smith

Fr Bill led us in a prayer for the New Year.

4. Roll call of Officers (all present)

President Chris Duffett	Trustee Joe Charmello
Vice President Art Troccoli Absent	Trustee Ed
Secretary Bill Murphy	Trustee Rob Wright
Treasurer Scott Minnihan	
Chaplain Fr Bill Smith	
Senior Advisor John Amato Excused	

5. Quorum report, Sargent-at-Arms reports on number of councils present (need 10) 13 councils present

6. Roll call District Deputies.

61 Steve Reitano	67 Mike Iannozi Excused
62 Gary Lattanzi	68 Anthony Rajkumar Absent
63 Robert Di Bella	69 Murry Conway
64 Jim Gallombardo	70 Carl Agneta
65 Timothy Glakin Absent	71 Joseph Charmello
66 Mario Fabella	

7. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting N/A

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8. Reading of Bills and Communications.
N/A

9. Treasurer's Report

Balance	\$38,653.76
Outstanding checks	\$812.50
Balance	\$37,841.26
General Fund	\$8570.04
Ultrasound fund	\$36,357.68

10. Chapter President's Report – Chris Duffet

- Thank you for voting him into the position
- Thank you for the attendance at the Pride in our Priest dinner over 400 attendees major effort
- Thanked Dan Murphy for all his efforts
- He is concerned about the lack of money that the chapter has for donations.
- He has established a Fund Raising committee with Art Ed and Joe
- He indicated that we need to help the state advocate to support his fund by giving 10 -15%
- Wildwood Convention Cost is \$1800 for tent and \$1000 for food
- Less than 1/3 of the councils were present
- We need to make a decision on what changes to make for the convention next year rent a tent or have a hospitality room
- how we run the convention next year
- Audit Report was conducted by Bill Scott and Bob was successful
- Nov Meeting we will be asking members to bring food and or supplies to give to the food bank at Ft Dix. He will send out email to the chapter requesting these donations.

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11. Report of Committees

Committee	Chair	Status
Pride in Priest Dinner (PIOP)	Dan Murphy	413 attendees 42 councils 103 clergy Made over \$2000 after expenses to be used for next year's dinner Dan welcome good and bad remarks Keeps districts together seating is based on performance
Ultrasound		no Report
Right to Life	Bob Keeling	March in Trenton abortion statistics are under reported by the FDA Oct 6 will be a fund raise
Veterans	Bill Hoffman	Councils are very generous sponsored trip to ball game for Lebanon Na Menlo Park facilities Still looking for supplies for the vets of blankets and sheets
Social	Bill Hoffman	No Report
Icon Exhibited	Jim Gallombardo	If you want to request the icon go to the url There is a suggested program but it can be modified based on the wishes of the pastor Next year icon will be of the Scared Heart of Jesus
Rutgers Catholic Center	Dave Pinto	Next meeting will be at Rutgers center on Nov 21 6:45-7:30 at the parish center All are invited He requested that each DD request from their councils at

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		least \$100 with this there will be enough to pay for the Right to Life bus trips to DC and Trenton
Shoulder to Shoulder	Frank Rees	No report
Ronald McDonald House	Gerry D'Ambrosio	No report
Convention	Gerry D'Ambrosio	Need to raise funds to offset the cost for the tent and the food etc. He will be creating a survey to be sent to all councils to determine the amount of interest and concerns they have will the chapter and the convention and any improvements. He requested that all DD's send the survey to their council members. The survey will be online easy to answer.

12. Unfinished business

- None

13. New Business

- Motion to give money to Fr Lanzi fund.
 - It was decided to move 50% of the money in the seminarian fund
 - ask councils for donations
 - move \$2500 from the PIOP funds

14. State Officer's Report – Scott (Absent) Chris reported the following

- Need to increase membership
- Metuchen was the lowest in membership
- Thank council for the POIP success
- Next 4th degree will be in Woodbridge
- Welcome the new DD's and the new GK's
- Scott will be meeting with the Bishop
 - asking what we can do for him

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- what he could do for us

15. Chaplain Report - Fr Bill

- Now that he is retired the Bishop will allow him to support the knights as before
- 71 priests have retired in the last year

16. DD's None

17. Host DD

- Thanked everyone for coming
- Thanked the home councils for hosting this event

18. GK Host remarks – None

19, Councils mentioned what was going on at their councils

Oct 26, 2024	Comedy Night	Our Lady of Lourdes Whitehouse Station Call Bill M for tickets
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Next Meeting Nov 21 at the Rutgers Center at 6; 45 then meeting will begin at 7:30 there will be a necrology ceremony. All DD's please sent the name of deceased member from Nov 23 to Oct 24.

19. Closing Prayer Fr Bill

- Pray for the good of the order
 - Chris Duffet
 - Bishop Paul
 - Dennis Miller
 - Msg Polito
 - Murry Conway mother
 - Wolfgang Smiths wife
 - Palestine People
 - Ukraine People

Adjournment 9:05