

Metuchen Chapter Sept 26, 2025 Minutes

1. Meeting St Brigid's Peapack NJ
2. 7.30 Call to Order and Inspection of Travel Cards by Chris
3. Opening Prayer by Fr Bill Lead us in prayer for the faithful
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the U.S.A.
5. Guest Speaker Michel Schaefer (Food Warrior Program)

Michael spoke about the situation with the activity service families at the McGuire and FT Dix Lakehurst and Earle bases who are in need of food assistance. In 6 years 350,000 pounds of food have been donated. They are feeding 600 families a month. He is asking for any type of help either food or baby needs or monetary donations. He is also sponsoring the "MSA Operation Turkey Drop" to feed 500 military families this Thanksgiving. Please send donations to

Military Support Alliance of NJ
PO Box 5421
Toms River NJ 09754
Memo Turkey Drop

6. Roll call of Officers (all present)

President Chris Duffett	Present	Trustee Joe Charmello	Present
Vice President Art Troccoli	Present	Trustee Ed Schilke	Present
Secretary Bill Murphy	Present	Trustee Rob Wright	Present
Treasurer Scott Minnihan	Present		
Chaplain Fr Bill Smith	Present		

7. Quorum report, Sargent-at-Arms reports on number of councils present (need 10) 15 councils present

8. Roll call District Deputies.

61 Steve Reitano	Present	67 Mike Iannozzi	Present
62 Gary Lattanzi	Present	68 Ed Schilke	Present
63 Robert Di Bella	Excused	69 Murry Conway	Present
64 Jim Gallombardo	Present	70 Carl Agneta	Present
65 Timothy Glackin	Present	71 Joseph Charmello	Present
66 Mario Fabella	Present		

9. Bill Hoffman conducted the installation of Officers for the 2025-2026 fraternal years.
10. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting
11. Reading of Bills and Communications.
 - No communications

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12. Treasurer's Report

General Fund	\$17812.37
Checking Account	\$49628.69
Outstanding Checks	\$1012
Total Checking	\$48616
Ultrasound fund	\$37,561
Total	\$86,177

13. Chapters President Report

- Bishop Checchio appointed Archbishop in New Orleans
- No other information at this time to when he will be relocating or who is his replacement
- The January meeting speaker is on hold until a new bishop is named
- New bank Provident Bank
- Metuchen is 3rd out of 5 in the state for membership
- 9/20 a CUF degree will be at St Ambrose
- Dues letters will be sent out at the end of October. Dues remain at \$85 per council
- Supreme Convention was in August in Washington DC.
 - In attendance were Joe Charmello, Scott Williams, Fr Bill Jim Gallombardo and Chris Duffett.
 - Video from the Pope was shown
- Chris distributed the "Prayer for Priest" card with the Metuchen Diocese Chapter Mission statement on the back.
- PIOP was last Thursday Event was great. Thank Dan Murphy for his work on this. Ken Genco will be the Chair for this event next year.

14. Report of Committees

Committee	Chair	Status
Pride in Priest Dinner (PIOP)	Dan Murphy	Held on Sept 18 37 Councils /Assemblies represented 362 registered guests 95 members of the clergy 76 priests 17 deacons 2 religious sisters 189 Knights from Metuchen 78 spouses and unnamed guest Funds Collected \$27,635

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		Expenses Incurred \$25,694.16 Profit \$1904.84.
Ultrasound	Bill Benson	Currently have \$37, 000 in reserve with no requests
Right to Life	Bob Keeling	Bus going to cathedral in Newark And bus going to Trenton
Veterans	Bill Hoffman	July outing to the Patriots game was rained out Sept 3 Corvid breakout at Menlo Park Both events will be rescheduled for next year Murder Mystery theatre show was successful Always in need of toiletries supplies and blankets
Social	Bill Hoffman	Will be setting up a schedule for the next year for Chapter meetings Council meetings and state convention and national convention
Icon Exhibited	Jim Gallombardo	Pilgrim Icon Program Icon can be reserved by contacting Jim also council may order prayer cards prayer service booklets and posters thru the supplies online
Rutgers Catholic Center	Dave Pinto	Will be submitting a motion for annual appeal to support the center and some of their activities
Shoulder to Shoulder	Frank Rees	No report
Ronald McDonald House	Gerard D'Amboise	No report
Convention	Gerard D'Amboise	NA
Membership	John Rossi	Reported for the first 3 months we have 79 new members last year at this time was 40 We are at 89% of our goal

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		With 66 new prospects Requested DD to send inform to the GK about membership and the zoom link The membership team is here to help just give us a call Jim G's Watching council has 11 new members working on double star Looking for Spanish speaking speaker

15. Unfinished business

N/A

16. New Business

- John Rossi - Motion purchase new table cloth for the membership exhibit \$180 was passed
- Dave Pinto – Motion for \$1500 for Rutgers Catholic Center was passed
- Bill Benson – Keep Christ in Christmas program, Contest will be starting soon K-8 posters and kits are available. Email will be sent to DD and GK should expect sometime around mid-October

17. District Report

District 61	Steve Reitano	Quota is for 39 currently have 4 new members New plan in works before Dec All reports have been submitted Audit report from last year was missing but now was found Call councils for safe environment are compliant Round table for St Bartholomew -no activity No plans for South River
District 62	Gary Lattanzi	2 councils need help 19 prospects New Gk young guy very energetic Council 6411 need help with memberships Also need a bi lingual members
District 64	Jim Gallombardo	Thank the council for hosting this meeting Lost pastor and FS 4 out of 6 veterans program to support veterans day

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		Set up a flag program with plaque to honor the veteran on veteran days Priests and parsonsier love it Bill Maxwell is the new district warden
District 65	Tim Glackin	44% of membership 7 new prospects 3 councils will be meeting quota by Oct 31 Thanks for the prayers for his family
District 66	Mario Fabella	All forms are completed 5 new members 6 councils are safe environment compliant
District 67	Mike Iannozzi	Completed 3 installation of council officers Pancake breakfast this Sunday
District 68	Ed Schilke	5 councils need rebuilding 1 council cut from the system 1- 3 new members
District 69	Murry Conway	All 6 councils are safe environment compliant St Ambrose council has met quotas
District 70	Carl Agneta	11 new members Plan membership drive 4 councils are safe environment compliant Need Spanish recruits at Sat Joes Council 1280 Carteret membership drive on Oct 12 Year to date 7 new members in Carteret St Laurence new GK is 83 years young very active and energetic
District 71	Joe Charmello	Nothing to report

16. State Officer's report - Scott Williams

- Thanked the DDs for their reports
- Need new guide lines on what is expected
- New incentive
 - 2.5 % reduction for Q1 for a 20% of goal
 - 2.5% reduction for Q2 50% of goal
 - 1 member reduction from goal for every 10 transitioned through CUF
- As of now Metuchen has 30 new members goal is 40
- Camden is 100%
- Paterson is 76%
- Newark is 9%
- St Mary's council needs help reach out to John Rossi
- Need 5 more members to get double star
- Work on prospect list
- Keep on going every event is an opportunity for new members

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- Scott W got 7 new members last weekend
- New procedure for audit beginning in Jan 2026
- Scott will get support for from the state to support the military food program
- John Rossi presented checks for knights who brought it new members 4
 - 4th quarter goes to Jim G for \$100
 - Murry Conway \$500 for annual reward
- Thanked council for hosting meeting

17. Chaplin's report Fr Bill

N/A

18. Pray for the good of the order

19. Host DD – Jim Gallombardo

- Thanked all for coming
- Proud of the councils in his district for all they do

Next Meeting Nov 20 Milltown this will have the memorial service for those brother who have passed in the last year

20. Closing Prayer Hillier

Adjournment 9:10