

Metuchen Chapter April 16, 2026 Minutes

1. Meeting held at Our Lady of the Mount Warren, NJ
2. 7.30 Call to Order and Inspection of Travel Cards by Chris
3. Opening Prayer by Fr Smith
4. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the U.S.A.
5. Roll call of Officers

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

6. Quorum report, Sargent-at-Arms reports on number of councils present (need 10) 18 councils present

7. Roll call District Deputies.

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

8. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting

9. Reading of Bills and Communications.

- N/A.

10. Treasurer's Report

General Fund	\$58,306.66
Outstanding Checks	\$12,631.25
Total Checking	\$45,675.41
Ultrasound fund	\$33,464.19
Total	\$79,139.60

11. Chapters President Report

- Convention
 - \$15 PP will be collected at the hospitality tent to pay for drink and rental of tent
 - \$125 ad for convention Journal

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- One delegate for Supreme convention in Aurora Colorado Aug 4 -6
 - Compensation – one way trip state dinner \$400 per day
- Need list of any GK that have passed from May 1 to April 30
- 3 councils have still outstanding due balances
 - Bill Murphy will send out reminder letters to the DD
 - If dues not paid there will be an additional charge of \$20 per person to attend the Pride In our Priest diner.

12 Vice President's Report

- Wants to raise funds for the food bank for the military – will begin at the Sept meeting
- Currently feeds over 500 families
- Going to be called "Food for Warriors"
- Any checks should be written to the chapter then chapter will then write a consolidated check

13. Report of Committees

Committee	Chair	Status
Pride in Priest Dinner (PIOP)	Ken Genco	Sept 15 at the Grand Marquis Catering Hall in Old Bridge \$80 pp
Ultrasound	Bill Benson	1 machine for Life Care Resource Center in Metuchen still waiting for check from Supreme 1 machine for Care Net Pregnancy Resources of Warren County Still waiting for check from Supreme Thank you for the donations. Keep Christ in Christmas one winner from DD 66 1 for 3 -4 grade from St KURIAKOSE Chavro Council 16596 1 for 5 -6 grade from St Matthias Council 9925
Right to Life	Bob Keeling	April 30 - NJ Right to Life Dinner, Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick October 4 - Right to Life Sunday Life Chains October 8 - March for Life, Trenton

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Veterans	Bill Hoffman	Thanks for the donations Funds should last 4 -5 months Donations of any amount are appreciated.
Social	Bill Hoffman	N/A
Icon Exhibited	Jim Gallombardo	Icon Program Icon can be reserved by contacting Jim G. Also council may order prayer cards, service booklets and posters thru the supplies via online. Book on line to reserve you place to display the icon. Icon has been or will be at Blessed Sacrament St Joseph's Hillsboro So far 7 churches in 3 districts Goal is to have icon reserved for each district Safe environment – 83% compliant
Rutgers Catholic Center	Dave Pinto	Fund raising is over will resume in September 44 OCIA candidates Youth are coming back to the church
Fund Raiser	Gerard D'Amboise	Car show is set for Aug 1 at Immaculate Conception in Spotswood between 10 -2 food and beverages will be available looking for sponsors for trophies Convention – still need volunteer to help with tent and beverages There will be a cigar lounge somewhere on premise .
Membership	John Rossi	Thank you for a good year March had 27 new members Year to date 321 new members Compared to last year we are 170% increase 5 DD's are over 100% quota

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		1 DD at 95% Call us for support we have 2 tables and 2 banners in English and Spanish stand up banners. DD should continue to work with councils.
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14. Unfinished business

Change in By Laws

- Second Vote to change by laws to read
 - **The annual dues will be proposed by the chapter offices and trustees and voted on at two consecutive meetings with the dues notices being sent out in December for the upcoming calendar year.**
- Motion made and passed

15. New Business

Hospitality

- Motion for \$2500 to pay for the following at the convention include the following
 - Rental of tent tables and chairs delivery charge (includes setup and take down)
 - Money to pay for food and drinks
- Motion made and passed
- The chapter will be running a 50/50 as a fund raising event. Drawing to be at St Thomas June 10, 2026

New Officers

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

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16. State Officers Report

- Membership – ask yourself what made you join??
 - Need consistency looking for new member
 - Council are fading due to age
 - Every event should be a recruiting event
 - Membership team will help you
- Circle of Honor
 - 1st in State
 - 11 in order
 - 4th in Metuchen
- Thank you for all your work
- OCIA young people 1700 converting this year
- DD zoom meeting April 29th
- Fraternal Benefits need 2 events at least 10 members
 - GK/FS can set up meeting with agent then bring information back to their councils
- Thank Jim G for his work as DD and statistician
- New Hip scheduled for Jun 8
- Food for warriors – will set this up to be state program
- CORE – faith formation needs to be set up can be a men ministry
- PIOP Dinner – Thank you Ken for all of you work
- New Members CUF degree get members to watch videos then bring them in person to meetings
- Supreme looking for 1st responders law enforcers and fire fighters
- June 14 St John Newman to Honor Fire and police
- Convention May 15 -16
 - Fund raiser at convention raffle \$200 per ticket only 100 tickets to be sold

17. Fr Bill Report

- Story of how he became a knight
- Political views from pope is to forest moral voice of society
- Thank you for the support of the Bishops and Priests

18. Council Reports

- Council 12700 Our Lady of the Mt
 - Thank you for all of your support
 - 5 councils out of 6 made star council
 - June 7 Corpse Christy Sunday
- Council 11873 St Bartholomew

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- April 25 Murder Mystery fund raiser at St Bartholomew \$300 pp
- Friday during Lent Fish Fry
- Council 3272 St Francis
 - Beef steak dinner \$65 pp donation to St Francis Cathedral fund
- Council 10281 St Lawrence
 - Fish Fry on Fridays during lent
 - Apr 25 Flea Market 8 – 3
 - Apr 26 Pancake Breakfast 8 -12

19. Grand Knight Report Joe Caruso

- Welcome to Lake on the Mt
- Thank you for coming
- Please part take in the 50/50

20. Good of the order

Bill Smith

Consolata Fr James Kingori

Chris Duffett

Gerry Geiger

Joe Defoe

Scott Williams

Philip Vavorta

Dominic Torre

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21. Next meeting

- Wednesday June 10 at St Thomas the Apostle Council # 4815 in Old Bridge.
- We will also be collecting monetary and diapers donations sized 3 -6 for Life Choices resource Center

22. Closing prayer Fr Bill

23. Adjournment 8:35