

**Minutes of the Bergen Chapter Meeting**  
**January 30, 2024 at Madonna Council 520, Englewood/Tenafly**

The meeting was opened at 8:08 PM by Chairman Mazza.

Membership cards were checked by Warden Hutnik.

Opening Prayer was led by Chairman Mazza.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Warden Hutnik.

The Roll Call of Officers was taken by the Secretary. All officers were present with the following exceptions: Chaplain Adamcyk was excused.

The Roll Call of District Deputies was taken by the Secretary. The only District Deputies present were District Deputy Antonio Artola, District 10, and District Deputy Ed Wilkin. District Deputy Brad Vaughn, District 14 was excused. All other District Deputies were absent.

The Roll Call of Councils was taken by the Secretary.

The following councils were in attendance: Councils 520, 1863, 2229, 2355, 2842, 2853, 3644, 4524, 5427, 5819, 7041, 7647, 8982, and 9021.

Quorum was attained with 14 councils present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Communications: No communications were presented at this meeting.

**Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer reported that he has three (3) open bills:

- \$568.00 for the caterer for food for the meeting.
- \$53.99 for ShopRite for the cake for the meeting.
- \$100.00 application fee for the State of New Jersey for our gaming license.

**TD Checking:** Balance: \$8,341.17.

Disbursements: \$1,507.74 as follows:

- \$12.39 for copies for officers meeting

- \$50.00 to Council 2229 – stipend for hosting meeting
- 3 cases – Cases 276, 336, 341. Each case was for \$250.00.
- Electric Funds Transfer to the IRS for \$600.00 – filing fee to have our tax exempt status reinstated.
- Debit card charge of \$37.98 for food and refreshments for January officers meeting.

Deposits of \$2,582.97 payments by 22 of 32 member councils.

**Wells Fargo Account:** \$26,166.00

Chris is continuing to look into liability insurance for the Chapter through Laughlin or through another firm.

**Trustee's Report:** Progress.

**Welfare Committee Report:**

No new cases or cases for renewal were presented at this meeting. The Chairman asked the Welfare Committee Chairman to explain a case to the members present.

**Old Business:** None was discussed at this meeting.

**New Business:**

- The changes to the By-Laws were presented and discussed. The vote on the changes to the By-Laws was taken. The revisions to the By-Laws were approved unanimously and will take effect at 12:01 AM, January 31, 2024.
- The Chairman named the Nominating Committee. The members of the committee are John LeClercq, FDD, 7647, Joe Egan, PGK 4524, Jim Meng, PGK 2229, Matt Chiochi, PGK 2853, Ron Stroosnyder, PGK 3644. The committee will make its report at the April meeting.

**Council Activities:**

- None Presented.

**Good of the Order:** In Distress: Carol Meng, Buddy Davis, Pat Breslin, Margo Breslin, George DiNapoli, Rueben DeLucca, Jim Whalen, Bob Wojcik, John Rider, Ken and Mary Bransfield, Lennie and Doreen Joseph, Kay Mazza, Israel, Ukraine, Our Troops, Fr. Richard Supple. Deceased: Matthew Rider.

**CUF Exemplifications:** Tuesday, February 6, 7 PM at Council 2842, Rochelle Park.

**Next Meeting:**

The Chairman announced the next meeting: St, Joseph Council 3814, New Milford/Oradell, 199 River Road, New Milford, Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Refreshments at 7 PM, general meeting at 8 PM.

The closing prayer was led by "Tony".

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Faithfully Submitted,

David M. Torebka, FDD  
Secretary