

Minutes of the Bergen Chapter Meeting
October 30, 2023 at E. G. Alberque, Sr. Council 2229, Ridgefield Park

The meeting was opened at 8:00 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 District Deputy Brad Vaughn.

The Roll Call of Officers was taken by the Secretary. All officers were present with the following exceptions: Chaplain Adamcyk was excused and Trustee 1 Year Joe Egan was absent.

The Roll Call of District Deputies was taken by the Secretary. All District Deputies were absent with only DD Ed Wilkin, District 11 and DD Brad Vaughn, District 14 present.

The Roll Call of Councils was taken by the Secretary. Quorum was attained with 8 councils present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were deferred by the Chairman.

Communications: No communications were presented at this meeting.

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the start of the 76th year. We are hoping to continue the growth from last year. Benedict XV Council 2355, Cliffside Park has joined the Chapter and Lyndhurst Council 2396, Lyndhurst rejoined the Chapter. This now brings the number of councils to 32.

Treasurer's Report:

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

- \$100.00 for an application fee to obtain a gaming license with the State of New Jersey
- \$600.00 application fee for reinstating our taxpayer ID with the Internal Revenue Service
- Copies made for the August officers meeting of \$12.00

The Treasurer has been working with Supreme Council and the IRS on the reinstatement. Once Supreme issues us our certificate in good standing, we will be able to file for a gaming license with the state.

We are looking into liability and directors and officers insurance through Laughlin Insurance to cover the Chapter. Chris is working on this with them regarding the cost to the Chapter. If the cost through Laughlin is prohibitive, Chris will look into a local insurance company.

During the summer, Chris and Vito had all the signatories updated at Wells Fargo and TD Bank.

The annual report will be ready for the councils at the January meeting. The Trustees will need to conduct the audit in January.

Checking: April 1, 2023 \$5,606.00. Since that time \$4,889.00 in deposits for a total of \$5,799.00. \$82.50 in dues paid for the prior year. \$5,716.00 in deposits from the Diamond Jubilee Dinner.

Checks: \$1,500.00 for 6 cases. \$50.00 each to Fair Lawn and Cresskill for food stipends. Don Ulisse, FDD \$59.00 for badges for the officers. \$3,229.00 for the Diamond Jubilee Dinner. Profit \$2,487.00

As of September 30, the TD bank checking balance \$7,016.00. As of April 1, Well Fargo account balance \$26,292.13. Dividends over the 6 months: \$426.00. There was a small loss of \$51.00 in market value. We have withdrawn \$600 from Wells Fargo and deposited it into the TD account over the 6 months. The balance as of September 30th was \$24,786.00.

A motion to stop moving \$100.00 from the Wells Fargo account to the TD account unless the TD account drops below \$5000 was made by Brad Vaughn, DD and seconded by PGK Nelson Cupeles. The motion passed unanimously.

Trustee's Report: Progress.

Welfare Committee Report:

- New Case 341.00, Council 9021 – the committee recommended \$750.00
- Renewal Case 276.21, Council 9021 – the committee recommended \$250.00
- Renewal Case 336.01, Council 2842 – the committee recommended \$250.00

All three (3) cases were approved.

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 will be held at the Chapter's January 30, 2024 meeting.

Council Activities:

- None Presented.

Good of the Order: Steven Martino, Lennie and Doreen Joseph, Ken and Mary Bransfield, Bob Wojcik, Kay Mazza, George DiNapoli, Bill Coyle, Fred Moghan, Al Spiegel.

CUF Exemplifications: None presented.

Past Grand Knight, Jim Meng addressed the Chapter. Jim thanked everyone for coming. He stated that E. G. Alberque rejoined the Chapter over the past year.

Next Meeting:

The Chairman announced the next meeting: Madonna Council 520, at Mount Carmel School Cafeteria, 10 County Road, Tenafly, Tuesday, January 30, 2024. Refreshments at 7 PM, general meeting at 8 PM.

The closing prayer was led by FDD Tom Hyer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 PM.

Faithfully Submitted,

David M. Torebka, FDD
Secretary