

Bergen Federation Meeting
November 29, 2018

Meeting called to Order by Federation President at 8:00pm

Opening Prayer, Fr. Ernie

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll call of officers, District Deputies, and Councils

All Officers were in attendance except Gary LePore, Rudy Richter and Silvio Sartori who were excused.
All district deputies were in attendance except Ken Schmitt and Doug Heron who were excused and John Stendor was absent.

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
747	520
1345	1688
1736	1863
2229	2188
2355	2396
2853	2586
2861	2842
3426	3428
3550	3644
3962	3679
5015	3814
5498	4486
5846	4524
7647	5257
8982	5427
11585	5680
14483	5819
	6033
	7041
	8103
	9021
	11889
	12413
	13678

Reading of the minutes of the last meeting:
Minutes were accepted as submitted.

Bills and communications:
None

Treasurer's Report:
\$20,731.38 in the General Fund
We wrote 23 checks for a total of \$11,142.16
Deposits of \$9890.75 since our last meeting.
So far 27 councils have paid their dues and we are waiting for dues from 14 councils.

Committee reports

-Convention, We will be staying at the Bristol Plaza hotel. Reservation forms will be going out around the first of the year.

-PIP, May 14, Terrace at Baiggio's, Cost is \$65, a small cost increase. Pride in Priest letters will be going out mid to late December.

President Steve Hutnik made a correction

Old Business

-Golf Outing, Golf outing made a profit of \$3500 this year which was slightly down from last year.

-West Point Football game, reported by Steve Hutnik. Was November 10, 50 tickets at a discount, and 30 parking passes. We lost about \$100, which was not bad for a first effort. Steve does not think we should do this again, and should look into a baseball game at Montclair.

-Veteran's Mass, Gary LePore is working on organizing this effort. We need councils to take a week and bring their council priest to give the veterans a chance to celebrate Mass.

New Business

-Federation Donations, Five donations were made by the Federation. Oakland council for the horseshoe tournament in support of the Gary Sinise Foundation. Deborah hospital foundation. First New Jersey District of the 4th Degree. ASCPG, a group that takes children on a pilgrimage to Lourdes. And a donation to the Newark Archdiocese for the Book of the Gospels that are given to the priests when they graduate the seminary.

-Spelling Bee, Vito Mazza. It will be in Secaucus, as it has been for the last five years.

Vito Mazza also talked about attending a fundraiser for the New Bridge Hospital, (Bergen Pines), and found out that the Knights of Columbus were very involved in the hospital all the way back to it's founding 100 years ago.

-Basketball Free Throw

-Membership, Vito Mazza, proposes to go to the Catholic Boys High Schools to make a presentation to the seniors to interest them in membership in our Order.

He is looking for someone who has a son at those schools to get some influence to help get in.

-Communion Breakfast, Sunday March 3rd 2019, at our Lady of the Assumption, with breakfast at Al Di La following Mass. \$20 per person.

-March for life, Matt Connell and Gerry Flood from council 1345. Gerry gave a reflection on his experience and he was amazed at how many young people were involved. He had been expecting a lot of older people. He also described the screens showing the results of abortion. As he crested the top of a hill and looked back to see what was an estimated crowd of 350,000 to 400,000 there that day. He met Knights from across the country and found out that many of them flew there and had two night hotel stays. So he was here to speak about getting more men and women from across Bergen County to attend to March. 1345 has already booked 2 buses and want to fill them with parishioners from all of our parishes across the county. They are looking for a banner to hold high as they march....from the Federation promoting Right for Life. \$15 per person to cover the cost, but you bring your own lunch and they stop on the way back for dinner (on your own). Matt is going to get us a flyer on their efforts.

-Making it Home, Steve Hutnik was approached by this group and they get lightly used furniture for homes for homeless veterans. They are also looking for donations of cash to help cover some of the costs of what they do to help veterans in need.

1/26/2019. Grand Knights Mid-Term meeting will be at Rochelle Park starting at 9am.

Bob Hatler wanted to remind everyone who needs to do the Presidium training, get it done as soon as possible.

Steve also has cards that allow the men to join immediately and get them involved sooner. Enrique Blanco can print them for you 1000 for \$50.

Council Reports/Open Forum/Other important dates

None

General Agent's Report

Chaplain's Report, Fr. Ernie talked about Advent, up to the 17th and then to Christmas. The first part is the anticipation, of the second coming of the Messiah and the second part is for the preparation of his birth. As Catholics we should always be preparing for the coming of the Lord. We need to show everyone the joy we feel in this anticipation.

Host Grand Knight Antonio Artola welcomed everyone to Fair Lawn and wished everyone a happy and healthy and Blessed Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Good of Order

Closing Prayer