

Minutes of the Bergen Federation Meeting held on June 30, 2026, in Washington Township.

Meeting called to order by President Guy DiNapoli at 7:45 PM.

Opening prayer led by Father Ernie.

President DiNapoli welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Roll Call of Officers: All were present.

State Secretary Russell Petrocelli was present.

District Deputies: All were present.

Twenty-four councils were represented at the meeting.

Minutes from the previous meeting were published on the website and approved.

Guest Speaker: Vito Mazza, Bergen Chapter Chair, reported that the member benefit has been raised to \$1,000.00 per case, per year.

Treasurer's Report: The checkbook balance as of June 30, 2026, was \$24,566.14.

President's Report: President DiNapoli thanked the Grand Knight for hosting the meeting. The Grand Knight thanked everyone for attending and said he hoped all enjoyed dinner.

Old Business: Past President Brad Vaughn read the slate of Officers for the year 2026/2027 as follows:

President	Edward Wilkin FDD
Vice Press	Matthew Chiocchi DD
Secretary	Peter Rivie FDD
Treasurer	George Thompson DD
Warden	Anthony Veltri PGK
Trustee 3 yrs	Guy DiNapoli PGK
Trustee 2 yrs	Bradley Vaaughn DD
Trustee 1 yr	John Quarengna DD

The slate of officers was read three times. With no nominations from the floor, a motion was made and passed for the Secretary to cast one vote to approve the new slate of officers for the coming year. Congratulations to all.

PIP Dinner: PSD Bob Hatler reported on the PIP Dinner, which is scheduled for November 3, 2026, at a cost of \$75.00 per person. Please don't wait until the last minute to purchase your tickets and send in your seed money.

Convention: John Quarengna thanked all the sponsors and was reported that we had plenty of food on Friday night and Saturday. John also thanked all who helped run the hospitality at the convention.

President report: Guy DiNapoli thanked everyone for a very successful year. He wishes the new slate of Officers good luck next year.

New Business: None was

State Secretary Russell Petrocelli's Report: State Secretary Petrocelli thanked the Washington Township Council for hosting.

He congratulated Guy on his leadership this year and thanked him for all that he has done for the Federation.

Russell also announced that Father Ernie has been appointed as the State Chaplin of the NJ Knights of Columbus. We wish him well in his new office.

He thanked the following retiring District Deputies, Edward Wilkin, Steve Martin and Peter Rivie for their service.

He also welcomed 3 new District Deputies, Robert Bombel, William Miranda and Bradley Vaughn.

Russell also thanked everyone for attending the Grand Knights meeting and for their hard work in membership this year. We have met all our membership goals and keep up the good work into the next year. Also, don't take the summer off, continue to invite men to the Knights.

Finally Have a safe and restful summer.

Father Ernie's comments: Father Ernie spoke about Cor and how it impacts each one of us as Knights.

Good of the Order: A list of brothers who are sick or in distress was read, and prayers were offered for deceased brothers.

Closing prayer was led by Father Ernie.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Next meeting: To be announced

Submitted by Silvio Sartori, FDD, Bergen Federation Secretary.