National Association of Deacon Directors
Annual Business Meeting
Wednesday, 29 April 2026
Fort Worth, Texas

Meeting was called to order at 1:30 PM on Wednesday, 29 April 2026 by Chairman of the Board, Dcn Jim Grevenites

Dcn Jim Grevenites offered an opening prayer

Items discussed:

1) Introduction of NADD Board Members

1a) Dcn Grevenites introduced Board Members present to general membership

1b) Board Members Present:

i. Dcn Steve Pitre, Region II
ii. Dcn Don Longano, Region IV
iii. Dcn Bill Petit, Region V
ii. Dcn George Malec, Region VI
iii. Dcn Shaun Johnson, Region VII
iv. Dcn Mark Kober, Region VIII
v. Dcn Dan Vaughn, Region IX
vi. Dcn Scott France, Region X
vii. Dcn Gem Mella, Region XII
viii. Dcn Ernest Martinez, Region XIII
ix. Dcn Ron Simons, Region XIV

1c) Dcn Steve Pitre & Dcn Gem Mella recognized as outgoing Board members

1d) Dcn Tim Chriswell & Dcn Eric Paige new Region Reps for II & XII respectively

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes for 2025 in Salt Lake City, Utah

2a) Minutes were made available to the membership online prior to the meeting

2b) Motion made to approve 2025 minutes by Dcn DeKarlos Blackmon and seconded by Dcn Regi Armstrong

2c) 2025 Business Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously

3) Recognition of Vendors

3a) Vendors for the Convention:

i. Circus and Traveling Show Ministry
ii. CM Almy
iii. *The Deacon* magazine
iv. Divine Mercy University
v. Deacon Life
vi. FOCCUS Marriage Ministries
vii. Franciscan University School of Spiritual Direction

3) **Recognition of Vendors, continued**

viii. The Marriage Group
ix. Institute for Diaconal Renewal
x. Institute for Homiletics
xi. The Josephinum Diaconate Institute
xii. St John Paul II Foundation
xiii. Heroic Men
xiv. National Association of Catholic Chaplains
xv. Saint Meinrad Seminary & School of Theology

4) Chairman's Report

4a) Chairman read his report, which is also available on the NADD website
i. Dcn Jim Grevenites provided highlights on *The Deacon* magazine

5) Finance Reports

5a) Balance Sheet and financial overview
5b) Proposed budget
5c) Dcn Ernest Martinez moved to approve FY27 budget & Dcn George Malec seconded the motion
5d) FY27 Budget Approved unanimously by membership

6) Elections

6a) Chairman: Dcn Jim Grevenites
6b) Secretary/Treasurer: Dcn Scott Dodge (incumbent) vs. Dcn Mark Kober
6c) Vote conducted
i. Results of voting: Dcn Jim Grevenites- re-elected as Chairman
ii. Dcn Scott Dodge re-elected as Secretary/Treasurer

7) Committee Reports

7a) Conventions 2027 & 2028
i. Attendance at this (2026) Convention is way up & vendors up too
ii. 2027 Denver, Colorado 20-22 April 2027
iii. Suggestions for presenters are most welcome
iv. Suggestions for vendors and sponsors also welcome
v. Pilgrimage announced last year is cancelled, due to lack of interest
7b) 2028 National Deacon Congress
i. Similar to 2018 Congress in New Orleans, Louisiana
ii. OSV had been planning a National Congress- finally fell through
iii. NADD Board 27 April 2026 unanimously approved moving forward
iv. Working Conference Direct, who helps organize NADD Convention
v. Motion made by Dcn and seconded by Dcn
vi. May/June timeframe
vii. Short, simple survey of deacons- what is the focus of Congress- theme
viii. Dcn Freddie Medina spoke strongly in support of Congress
ix. Question about size of participants

7) Committee Reports, continued

7b) Institutes
- i. NDI (even years) Dcn Mark Kober: 7-11 June Pontifical Josephinum- Spirituality as foundation for ministry formation & post-ordination. Institute for Diaconal Renewal (IDR) will lead a day-long retreat
- ii. MLI (odd years) Dcn George Malec: 16 participants in 2025

7c) Zoom presentations- Dcn Shaun Johnson & Dcn Dan Vaughn
- i. Webinars have had good turnouts
- ii. Liturgical texts training

8) For the Good of the Order (Member inputs)

8a) Flocknote, use it, you can update your own information

8b) Apostleship of the Sea- diaconal ministry on cruise ships w/ priest
- i. Start a dialog to see if this ministry can take off
- ii. Meeting w/ NADD leadership to discuss

Dcn Jim Grevenites adjourned the meeting at 2:38 PM

Submitted by Deacon Scott Dodge, Secretary/Treasurer