

Knights of Columbus - St. Teresa of Calcutta Council 15456

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, October 2, 2025

- **Call to Order:** Worthy Deputy Grand Knight, Jeff Beck
 - The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
 - Attendance: approximately 37 knights.
- **Opening Prayer:** The Our Father was led by Fr. Brandt.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by all.
- **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes to the last meeting held on Thursday, September 4, 2025 was transmitted to all members and posted on our website. A motion was made by Jeff to approve the minutes and seconded by Scott. The minutes were approved by an “aye” vote.
- **Chaplain’s Message:** Worthy Chaplain Fr. Brandt
 - The softball field was double-seeded and will be used as a soccer field. This is expected to change from the hard turf into a grass field. This field will be used by the school kids too.
 - In October, two Bishops will be coming to our Parish. Bishop Efren Esmilla on October 14 and Bishop Chylinski on October 18 to bless our Mary Garden.
- **Grand Knight’s Report:** Jeff Beck
 - Jeff thanked Scott for running the meetings when he was out of town.
 - Thank you to all who came out to support the Car Show.
 - “Support for Seminarians” – We need a volunteer or a group of guys to run this program, possibly an event in the Spring (RSVP Program).
 - Next Fall, we would like to sponsor a booth at one of the JP-II football game.
 - Acknowledgment of John Russo’s wonderful job in e-mailing the announcements to our 148 members every Tuesday night. Applause.
 - Our Yearly Calendar for activities is being updated and will be sent out.
 - The Comedy Show has sold 275 tickets. The committee meets every month. They will set up a row of chairs after tonight’s meeting to plan the layout for the show. Our goal is to possibly have 350 seats.
 - Food Table - Last month the Food Table collected \$50.00 for the Sarnelli House.
 - RICA – (Sam) There are 29 in the program this year. Some may need a Spiritual Sponsor.
- **Financial Report:** Treasure, Matt Kotch read the financial report:
 - Money In: \$9,394.80
 - Money Out: \$3,373.61
 - General Fund Balance as of 09/30/25: \$27,642.91
 - Reserve Fund Balance as of 09/30/25: \$10,201.92
 - Outstanding: Car Show Food Expense.
 - The Council is in good financial standing.
- **Membership Report:** Worthy Membership Director Michael Bauer – No report.
- **Programs and Committees:** (Scott Morgan)
- **Faith Director – Scott**
 - Family Fully Alive – We are looking for someone to lead this program.
 - Roses for Baptism (Dennis) – October 12th, the 19th (2), the 26th are open. Text Dennis to volunteer. This program needs 2 – 3 new others.

- **Family Director – Terry Quain**
 - Project Outreach - In Chester County, one in ten people live with food insecurity. The SNAP program was part of the budget cuts. Project Outreach now helps 80 families per week due to the cost of groceries putting a strain on their budgets.
 - Food for Families (Charlie George) – During the Car Show, 50 lbs. of food and some money was collected. Continue to bring food to the meetings.
- **Community Director (Art)**
 - Mass Transit – (Phil McGavin) – We have a new client, who lives in Pottstown, to bring to church. We have 2 men (one/week) who volunteered and we need two more. If you live in the Pottstown area, let Phil know that you can help.
 - St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter (Dave) - We are the 4th Saturday of every month. A reminder that the Health Department has stated that the meal must be an already cooked meal from a local licensed restaurant or pizza shop, that is, near the Shelter in Phoenixville that delivers from Knights to Shelter. Place order 2 days in advance, i.e. Dantes Italian Bistro.
 - The 2026 schedule will be out soon. See weekly e-mails.
 - Food Table (Art) – T.Y. Andy who brought tonight's food. We need a volunteer for December and for next year. The Collection Basket will be for "Food for Families."
 - Sarnelli House – (Jeff Beck) Food was delivered on Sat., 09/20, 36 casseroles. They are extremely appreciative. They need clothing donations: coats, blankets, hoodies, men's pants (used – O.K.), and new socks and underwear (Med. or Large only). On Dec. 18, they need a Santa to give out gifts and volunteers to serve food.
 - Football Mania (John Russo) – We made over \$900.00 for our Council.
 - Backpacks for Kids (Frank Louis) – 75 kids received backpacks (40 from Pottstown), also: Helping Hands, Daily Bread, and STC PREP students.
 - Coats for Kids (Jim Banks) – The lower parking lot here at STC will be the drop-off point. For 3 days, we will need volunteers to distribute the 96 cases to other councils. Look for the email.
 - Council Swag (Art) October 15 is the last day to place an order at Lucky Squirrel. With each purchase, \$2.50 comes back to our Council. We will investigate a Pop-up Tent (K. of C. canopy) for outdoor events as a sign-up booth for new members, such as, high school football games.
 - Communications (John Russo) – We have updated our e-mail list for the weekly email.
 - Respect Life Sunday – Weekend of October 4 – 5. Collections after all Masses for our Pro-Life Program. Let your wife know, Birthright is looking for women to volunteer.
 - March for Life – We had to cancel our bus due to low sign-ups and we got our money back. We joined "Berks County Pro-Lifers," marched around the Capital in Harrisburg, attended Mass at the Basilica, had lunch, and returned.
 - Car Show - (Dennis Wright / Jim Bozzini) We had 116 cars and the best turnout yet. The event made about \$2,202.00. Those who came out to volunteer and set up were acknowledged.
 - Grill Cleaned – Steve cleaned (Power washed) the grill used at the festival.
 - St. Padre Pio Center – The habit of St. Padre Pio will be on display Mon., 10/13 and Tues., 10/14. Help is needed for one hour for parking. 30,000 people expected. See Sign-up genius.
- **Upcoming Activities:**
 - Adopt-A-Highway – will be held on Sat., Oct. 18 at 8:00 AM. Meet at the STC Child Care Center to clean up a two-mile stretch of Neiffer Rd. from Ridge Pike to Gerloff Rd., divided into sections.
 - Home and School Assoc. – Trunk or Treat event to be held at STC on Fri., 10/17 form 6 – 8 pm. We need 5 – 6 knights there to interact with parents and one to decorate their trunk.

- Sisters of Charity – (Tom Petrowski) Convent feeds the homeless once a week on Dekalb St. in Norristown. A sign-up sheet was passed around to get on the volunteer list to be a server.
- Men's Prayer Group – (Deacon Pete) "Into the Breach" is "On pause" now.
- The Joe Cocklin Comedy Show (Dave) - Nov. 1st – We have sold 156 tickets so far. The doors will open at 6:30 pm and the show will begin at 8:00. Please use the Sign-up Genius to volunteer for ushers, set-up, clean-up, and front door. Volunteers will still need an admission ticket on their phone. Everyone will need to be seated when the show starts.
- Special Olympics Bowling League needs one volunteer for every four bowlers on Sat., Oct. 10 at 10:00 am on High St. in Pottstown to assist the bowlers. See John Russo.
- **Degree Development** (John N.)
 - Degree Ceremony (Jim Banks) – A 3rd Degree Exemplification Ceremony has been scheduled for Saturday, November 15th here.
 - The Fourth Degree - The next Exemplification will here on March 7, 2026.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Note: The pre-approved \$2,000.00 will go to STC for the books given out at Christmas.
- **New Business**
 - We received a Thank You letter from Deacon Pete Dolan and his wife, Susan, thanking the knights for attending his mother and father's funeral Mass, the fruit basket, and Mass card.
 - A motion was made by Steve to pay up to \$100.00 to the STC Home & School Assoc. for candy for the Trunk and Treat and seconded by Frank, voted on, and approved.
 - A motion was made by Andrew to contribute \$250.00 to the STC Festival of Trees Christmas Bazaar and seconded by Jim Banks, voted on, and approved.
 - Rally for Riley for Cancer Research Foundation, volleyball event at STC will be held on Oct 12. Dan made a motion to contribute \$300.00 for a Basket of Cheer. The motion was seconded by Frank, voted on, and was approved.
- District Deputy (Jim Banks)
 - Our quota is 9 and we have 6 new members. Congratulations to Art who won \$50.00 from the State Council for bringing in a new member.
- **Good of the Order**
 - Frank Buttaro's wife, Louise is in the hospital.
 - Jim Banks' nephew, Michael Cadina, passed away suddenly.
- The next General Membership Meeting will be Thursday, November 6th at 7:00 pm here.
- **Closing Prayer**: Father Brandt led the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel.
- **Adjournment** – The Meeting was adjourned by the WGK at 8:07 pm.

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