

Knights of Columbus - St. Teresa of Calcutta Council 15456

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, June 5, 2025

- **Call to Order:** Worthy Grand Knight Jeff Beck
 - The Business Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by WGK Jeff Beck.
 - Attendance: approximately 30 knights.
- **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Brandt led us in the Our Father.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Art and recited by all.
- **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes to the last meeting held on Thursday, May 1, 2025 were transmitted to all members and posted on our STC/KOC website. A motion was made by Jeff Beck to approve the minutes and seconded by Art. The minutes were approved by an “aye” vote.
- **Chaplain’s Message:** Worthy Chaplain Fr. Brandt
 - This Thursday, June 12, there will be a funeral for a Police Officer. We need knights with slashes to direct traffic and assist parking cars.
- **Grand Knight’s Report:** WGK Jeff
 - We welcomed, Alex Cermet, the STC Parish new Seminarian for his summer assignment.
 - A moment of silent prayer was held for a Knight, Nick Branton, who passed away recently.
 - Our next meeting would be July 3, but is rescheduled for July 10th.
 - A box of donuts was delivered to show appreciation for the teachers at STC School.
 - We appreciate James McKeon who was our Treasurer for the past 6 years. Applause.
 - The Parish Office stated that there are items missing from this room. If you know where they are, please return them. They are: a plastic oval bin, serving platters, and large plastic plates.
 - When exiting our parish campus on Swamp Pike, there are several 8’ tall trees which block the view. We are looking for volunteers to cut them down and take them to the recycling center.
 - An Officer’s meeting is being planned. Give comments to Scott Morgan.
 - Our August meeting will start at 6:30 PM.
 - Our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Pastor’s Cup is this Sunday.
- **Financial Report:** Treasurer James McKeon read the financial report:
 - Money In: \$153.51
 - Money Out: \$6,182.25
 - General Fund Balance as of 05/31/25: \$10,956.56
 - Reserve Fund Balance as of 05/31/25: \$10,191.61
 - Pro-Life Fund: \$349.00
 - Revenue YTD is: \$6,023.96
 - Expenses YTD is: \$25,898.76
 - Revenue minus Expenses (Cash Flow): -\$19,874.80
 - The Council is in good financial standing.
- **Membership Report:** Worthy Membership Director Michael Bauer
 - Many men are in the queue.
 - Michael Smith was introduced as our newest member, a STC parishioner.
- **Programs and Committees:** (Scott Morgan)
 - Food Table Collection – The donations at the food table will go to Birthright of Pottstown.
- **Faith Director** – Phil McGavin
 - Roses for Baptism – (Dennis) – We are good for June.
- **Family Director** – Terry Quain
- **Community Director** (Art)
 - Project Outreach (Terry) – No updates.
 - Mass Transit – (Phil McGavin) - A schedule is being worked on. New volunteers are needed.

- The Sarnelli House (Jeff Beck) – Jeff will deliver food for the Homeless, made by Wings Group, on Saturday, July 19th, at 7:30 AM. See Jeff to go with him. Donated Clothing will be delivered. Volunteers gave testimony as to the important work by these project organizers in Philadelphia.
- Council Swag – Lucky Squirrel Printworks will need 4 weeks to complete the orders.
- Adopt-A-Highway (Scott Morgan) – This activity was completed.
- Life (Les) – The Baby Bottle Drive will take place this Sunday, June 1st. See Las to help after Mass. The filled bottles will be returned next weekend or place your donation in the Bassinet. All donations will go to Birthright of Pottstown.
- Communications (John Russo) – Weekly e-mails go out on Tuesday evenings. See him if you are not receiving them.
- Into the Breach (Men's Prayer Group) - This program will restart in late August.
- Pastor's Cup Golf Outing (Sam Whitehouse) – We are SOLD OUT. Volunteers just come out to the Hickory Valley Golf Club, 1921 Ludwig Rd., Gilbertsville, after 11:00 am, rain or shine. Half of the profits will go to the Parish.
- Food for the Homeless: Brian, Fernando, Steve, and Sam went with Jeff to deliver socks and underwear. The couple who runs this need 500 forks to feed 200 people 2 times every week.
- Comedy Show (Bill Conaway, Jeff Beck) – The committee met and picked a date of Saturday, November 1st. The doors will open at 6:30 pm and the Joe Cocklin Comedy Show will begin at 8:00 pm and run for 1-1/2 hours. We will need to set up chairs in the Hall. We expect to sell 200 tickets at \$40.00 each. This will be a family-friendly venue.
- Scholarship for High School – The winner, an 8th grade student at STC, Ella Eckley, was chosen by a committee for the virtue of Charity and was awarded a \$500.00 scholarship tonight by Art C. for her four years of High School. Also, rosaries were given to all the 8th grade students.

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- **Events / Upcoming Activities:**
 - Cookout at the Vet Center will be on Saturday, June 14 (Flag Day). We need help to cook from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Also, bring the vets down to the cafeteria.
- **Degree Development** (John N.)
 - Degree Ceremony (Jim Banks) – There will be a 4th Degree Exemplification on June 21 in Philadelphia. See Jim Banks.
 - The Fourth Degree – The next meeting will be Thursday, June 12 at 7:00 pm at Bally Council in Stowe.
- **Correspondence**
 - Wings sent a Thank You note for serving their special dinner in May.
 - John McCabe – a Thank you letter - his time at STC was the highlight of his year. He will be going to Guatemala for his next assignment.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - Festival (John Russo) – A pre-approved donation of \$250.00 will go to 2 kegs and T-shirts.
 - The Elections for Next Year's Officers (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026) for 2025 – 2026 Fraternal Year was run by Jim Banks, PGK.

- Grand Knight: Jeff Beck
 - Deputy Grand Knight: Scott Morgan
 - Treasurer: Matt Kotch
 - Recorder: Albert Horn
 - Chancellor: Michael Bauer
 - Warden: Art Cratsenberg
 - Advocate: Larry Gribb
 - Outside Guard: Dennis Wright
 - Inside Guard: Dan Zima
 - 1st Year Trustee: Jim Rowland, PGK
 - 2nd Year Trustee: John Russo, PGK
 - 3rd Year Trustee: Dave Tulli, PGK
 - ANYONE WANTS TO RUN FOR ANY POSITION? – No response (None).
- The entire Slate was voted on in **one** vote and approved by an “aye” vote.
- **New Business**
 - Bills – Standard Bills, No report.
 - School Supplies and Backpacks (Frank Louis) – The 1st day of school is in late August. Last year we donated 89 backpacks at a cost of \$183.00 (\$400.00 is pre-approved).
 - Football Mania (John Russo) – starts tonight. A \$20.00 ticket gives you 18 weeks to win a prize (up to \$400.00). Virtual tickets are for sale on our website.
 - Council T-shirts (Art C.) – All new members will be given a shirt. A motion was made by Art to purchase the shirt at a cost up to \$200.00 and 2nd by Scott Mogan. The motion was voted on and approved with a verbal vote of aye.
 - Beer Fridge was donated by Bill and will be used to store soda and beer (it will be locked) for the meetings.
 - Car Show (Dennis) – The date will be September 6th. The invites will go out to the car owners.
- Insurance – No report.
- District Deputy (Jim Banks) – We will meet our membership goal and be a Star Council.
 - Valley Forge Chapter (Pro-Life) will be closing and our Council will start donating to Birthright of Pottstown as part of our \$300.00, 2 times per year commitment.
- **Good of the Order**
 - Christine Krill – Deceased (John Nimmerichter’s wife’s mother)
 - Frank Louis- having surgery soon.
- The next General Membership Meeting will be Thursday, July 10th at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.
- **Closing Prayer: (Fr. Brandt)** Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel was recited by all.
- **Adjournment** – The Meeting was adjourned by the WGK at 7:57 pm.