

Knights of Columbus - St. Teresa of Calcutta Council 15456

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, July 10, 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 29 knights.
- **Opening Prayer:** Fr. Jeff led us in the Our Father.
- **Pledge of Allegiance** led by Les and recited by all.
- **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The minutes to the last meeting held on Thursday, June 5, 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 Dave. The minutes were approved by an “aye” vote.
- **Chaplain’s Message:** Worthy Chaplain Fr. Brandt – No report.
- **Grand Knight’s Report:** WGK Jeff
 - We received the Star Council Award. Thanks to the Officers who helped in this achievement.
 - Our officers Meeting to plan events will be July 21 here.
 - August’s Meeting will start at 6:30 PM, then we will have a Bar-B-Q outside.
 - If some new members have questions about anything, let Jeff know.
 - The P.R.E.P. Office needs a Sunday School teacher for young children.
- **Financial Report:** Past Treasurer James McKeon and the Treasure, Matt Kotch read the financial report:
 - Money In: \$5,377.33
 - Money Out: \$3,932.00
 - General Fund Balance as of 05/31/25: \$12,399.29
 - Reserve Fund Balance as of 05/31/25: \$10,194.21
 - Pro-Life Activities Allocation: \$640.00
 - Revenue YTD is: \$11,401.29
 - Expenses YTD is: \$29,830.76
 - Revenue minus Expenses (Negative Cash Flow): -\$18,429.47
 - Note: Money may still come in from the Golf Outing, so a final number has not been confirmed. Lucky Squirrel Printworks sent a check for \$55.00. Last year we received a check for \$10,000.00 and we spent it this year on charity.
 - The Council is in good financial standing.
- **Membership Report:** Worthy Membership Director Michael Bauer
 - Dan brought a new member, Butch, who is a member of our parish and has two children in school here. He was welcomed into the Council.
- **Programs and Committees:** (Les for Scott Morgan)
- **Faith Director – Phil McGavin**
 - Roses for Baptism – (Dennis) – We are covered for now.
 - Rosary – Every Sunday at 10:00 AM in the Chapel.
- **Family Director – Terry Quain**
 - Food Table Collection – No report.
 - Food for Families (Charlie George) – Not much going on. Continue to drop off before Mass in the chapel vestibule and to the knights’ meetings.
- **Community Director (Art)**
 - Project Outreach (Terry) – No updates.
 - Mass Transit – (Phil McGavin) – We are O.K. for now.
 - The Sarnelli House (Jeff Beck) – Jeff will deliver the food into the city on Sat., July 19th. There is one seat left for a volunteer.
 - Council Swag – The Lucky Squirrel Printworks orders are completed.
 - Backpacks for Kids and School Supplies (Frank Louis) – Bring school supplies to the next meeting.

- Life (Les) – The Baby Bottle Drive took place this past weekend. The Bassinet Collection total was \$1,267.75 and a check will go to Birthright of Pottstown.
 - PA March for Life – in Harrisburg. We will car pool, driving our own cars. We need a volunteer to organize it.
- Communications (John Russo) – Weekly e-mails go out on Tuesdays.
- Pastor's Cup Golf Outing (Jeff for Sam Whitehouse) – This was a terrific event. We expect the final total to be around \$12,000.00 raised.
- **Upcoming Activities:**
 - Men's Prayer Group – will be held on here on Sat., August 16th at 7:30 AM - social, 7:45 AM, "Into the Breach" video and discussion until 8:45 AM. We have 8 to 10 men. Try one Saturday.
 - Car Show – (Dennis Wright) Sat., Sept. 6. Preliminary budget being planned. We have 8 reservations now.
 - Workshop (Deacon Pete) – RETURN, Brandon Vogt, how to bring your child back to the Church, 60 to 90 minutes per week, (7 weeks). He needs help to lead the discussions, such as, God/Us/Church relationship. No date set yet.
 - Comedy Show (Bill Conaway, Jeff Beck) – The committee (Steve and Frank) has continued work on this fundraiser. A flyer with a QR code is available. A local Brewer will bring beer to sell. Also, snacks, wine and cheese will be served. The doors will open at 6:30 pm on Nov. 1st and the Joe Cocklin Comedy Show with 2 other comedians will begin at 8:00 pm and run for 1-1/2 hours. We need to sell 150 tickets at \$40.00 each to break even. We will advertise this.
 - Tree Removal at the Swamp Pike entrance (Eric Mauer) – No report.
 - Men's Bible Study – (Seminarman Alex) - Thurs., July 24 and 31, Living the Faith by readings from St. Paul. For men 18 and up only.
 - Cookout at the Vet Center was a success. The next one will be for singing Christmas Carols.
 - Festival (Chuck and Chris) – Your help is needed for Set-up and Takedown. Sign up at the STC parish website. We start on Sunday, August 17 after Mass to set up the perimeter and pull items out of the shed. On Tues., 8/19, we set up the tents, tables, and chairs.
 - Sisters of Charity (from Norristown) will be here July 25. A motion was made to pay for the diesel fuel for their bus, approximately \$250.00 by Jeff and 2nd by Charlie. The motion was voted on and approved.
 - St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter in Phoenixville. They help people restart their lives: 1.) Child Care, 2.) Housing, 3.) Transportation. Kieth made a motion to donate \$500.00 for their Child Care and it was 2nd by Jeff, voted on and approved.
 - Programs - If you oversee a program for next year, contact Jeff, so it can be put on the calendar.
- **Degree Development** (John N.)
 - Degree Ceremony (Jim Banks) – No report.
 - The Fourth Degree – There is a meeting tonight. The next meeting will be Thursday, August 14th at 7:00 pm at Bally Council in Stowe.
 - Steak Fry – (Les) There will be Steak Fry events in Stowe on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM on July 16 and August 20. Open to all Knights and their sons. The cost is \$20.00. Bring your own plate and utensils.

- **Unfinished Business**
 - No report.
- **New Business**
 - Football Mania (John Russo) – A \$20.00 ticket gives you 18 weeks to win a prize (up to \$400.00). Virtual tickets are for sale on our website.
 - The Nicene Creed, Bishop Barren (Deacon Pete) – A suggestion was made for the Knights to buy several books for the Christmas Book give away. The estimated cost is \$1.50 each.
 - 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) – No report.
- **Good of the Order**
- The next General Membership Meeting will be Thursday, August 7th at 6:30 pm in the Ministry Center. Scott Morgan will run this meeting. ***Note the change in start time.*** An outdoor Bar-B-Q will follow the meeting. It will be more like a family cookout, so bring your outdoor chairs and games.
- **Closing Prayer:** Father Jeff led the prayer to St. Michael the Archangel.
- **Adjournment** – The Meeting was adjourned by the WGK at 7:54 pm.

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