

Knights of Columbus - St. Teresa of Calcutta Council 15456

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 1, 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 35 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, April 3, 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
 - Today is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. We include, “... with blessed Joseph, her Spouse,” in our Eucharistic prayer in every Mass.
 - Things are moving along in our parish as we approach the end of the school year.
 - The masonry work has been completed at the Mary statue for the garden and shrubbery has been planted. T.Y. Kieth, et al. We may want to have a formal dedication soon.
 - The Festival Committee has been meeting. The dates are August 22 and 23.
 - I want to thank the Knights for your support for our parish.
- **Grand Knight’s Report:** WGK Jeff
 - The Pancake Breakfast was a success with many children attending and getting their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. Someone gave a \$24.00 donation for more events like this one.
 - The women’s group, WINGS, will have a Basket Raffle on May 17 at 6:00 pm. Go on-line for bidding or to purchase tickets.
 - How are our “Communications?” Feedback: do we need more or less? Sent out every Tuesday – see Jeff Beck.
 - (Scott Morgan) A local Scout Troup is having a Pancake Breakfast next Saturday at the Lutheran Church on Lutheran Road, East of Swamp Pike in Gilbertsville. It would be nice if we supported this and wore our Knight’s shirts.
 - We reached our goal of eight (8) new members this year.
 - We will award a (Pre-approved) RSVP Program check of \$500.00 to Seminarian John McCabe.
- **Financial Report:** Treasurer James McKeon read the financial report:
 - Money In: \$3,576.38
 - Money Out: \$637.83
 - General Fund Balance as of 04/30/25: \$16,987.81
 - Reserve Fund Balance as of 04/30/25: \$10,189.10
 - Pro-Life Fund: \$349.00
 - Revenue YTD is: \$5,870.45
 - Expenses YTD is: \$19,716.51
 - Revenue minus Expenses (Cash Flow): -\$13,846.06
 - The Council is in good financial standing.
- **Membership Report:** Worthy Membership Director Michael Bauer – no report.
- **Programs and Committees:** (Scott Morgan)
 - Food Table Collection – This week’s donations at the food table will go to buy bottles for the Pastor’s Cup Basket of Cheer.

- Faith Director – Phil McGavin
 - Roses for Baptism – (Dennis) – No report.
- Family Director – Terry Quain
- **Community Director (Art)**
 - Project Outreach (Terry) – MaGerk's Pub ran a fundraiser and raised \$252.00 which will be matched by Tito's Charity Crush to go to Project Outreach.
 - Mass Transit – No report.
 - St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter (Dave Tulli) – New: The Board of Health will only allow them to accept food from a food business or a licensed kitchen. We will have to order and buy this food. Tom will handle this, but he will need help.
 - The Sarnelli House (Jeff Beck) – Jeff will deliver food on Saturday, May 17, at 7:30 AM. See Jeff to go with him.
 - Adopt-A-Highway (Scott Morgan) – This Saturday, May 3, we will meet at 8:00 AM near the Child Care Center. We have safety vests.
 - Food for the Meetings (Art) – Andrew brought tonight's food. We need volunteers for August and September.
 - Easter Pancake Breakfast on Palm Sunday (Mark Bond) – We had lower attendance than expected. Many compliments to the cooks were received. We raised approximately \$700.00.
 - Council Swag – The current purchase window closes next week. Every purchase brings \$2.50 back to our Council.
 - Special Olympics – The collection after all the Masses raised \$220.00. We have \$738.00 from a previous fundraiser and \$300.00 from the Super Bowl Pool. This money will go to the State Council to be dedicated to Montgomery County (local area).
 - Compact Refrigerator (Art) – We need a small fridge to keep beer cold for our meetings. A suggestion was made that we look for a donation of a used refrigerator.

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- Life Director – (Les Reazor): Pro-Life – No report.
- Communications Director (John Russo) – No report.
- **Events / Upcoming Activities:**
 - Mother's Day Flowers – Pick up your Pre-orders on May 10 and 11 after all Masses.
 - Men's Prayer Group (Deacon Pete) – We will meet May 10 and 24. No meetings in July. We will start again August 16 with a St. Michael's Lent Program (Into the Breach). See Church Bulletin.
 - Cookout at the Vet Center will be on Saturday, June 14 (Flag Day). We need help to cook from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Also, bring the vets down to the cafeteria for good conversation.
 - Pastor's Cup Golf Outing (Sam Whitehouse) – We need Corporate Sponsors for this Sunday, June 8th event. Please donate at the Food Table for the Basket of Cheer bottles. Dig deep, we need to buy Marker's Mark. Volunteers just come out to the Hickory Valley Golf Club, 1921 Ludwig Rd., Gilbertsville, after 11:00 AM and you will be given an assignment that day. Look for Fernando.
- **Degree Development** (John N.)

- Degree Ceremony (Jim Banks) – We had an Exemplification last Sunday. We need one more man to be a reader and be part of the team.
- The Fourth Degree – The next meeting will be next Thursday, May 8th at 7:00 at St. Joseph's in Spring City.
- **Unfinished Business**
 - A check for \$450.00 was signed for previously approved for Mother Teresa's Helping Hands Easter Gift Cards.
 - Comedy Show (Bill Conaway, Jeff Beck) – A motion was made to pay \$2,750.00 for a Joe Conklin Comedy Show downpayment to secure a date between October and December. The balance of \$2,750.00 would be due later. We would need to sellout 200 tickets at \$35.00 per seat to make a small profit. We would have to advertise and buy beer and soda. BYOB and BYOF. The motion was discussed, made by Jeff Beck and 2nd by Bill Conaway, and voted on and approved. A planning committee will be formed.
 - State Convention – (Jim Banks) We always send a representative to this important event. It is very expensive this year. A motion was made by Jim Banks to reimburse our representative \$842.00 and 2nd by Art. The motion was voted on and approved.
 - Special Olympics – Matt Reyman made a motion to donate \$242.00 additional to round up the Council's donation to \$2,500.00 and was 2nd by Art, voted on and approved.
- **New Business**
 - The reading of the Nominations for Next Year's Officers (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026).
 - Nominations of Officers for 2025 – 2026 Fraternal Year – (Jim Banks)
Nominations are open during the reading of those nominated.
 - Chaplin: Fr. Brandt (accepted)
 - Grand Knight: Jeff Beck (second year of 2-year term - accepted)
 - Deputy Grand Knight: Scott Morgan (accepted)
 - Treasurer: James McKeon (accepted)
 - Treasurer: Matt Kotch (present)
 - Recorder: Albert Horn (accepted)
 - Chancellor: Michael Bauer (not present, but expected to return)
 - Warden: Art Cratsenberg (accepted)
 - Advocate: Larry Gribb (accepted nomination)
 - Outside Guard: Dennis Wright (accepted)
 - Inside Guard: Dan Zima (accepted)
 - 1st Year Trustee: Jim Rowland, PGK (not present, expected to accept)
 - 2nd Year Trustee: John Russo, PGK (accepted)
 - 3rd Year Trustee: Dave Tulli, Outgoing GK (accepted)
 - A handout explained the duties of each of the Officers' positions.
 - If interested in an Office, the Nominations are open until our next meeting on June 5, 2025.
 - Note: The Lecturer is an appointed position.
 - Teacher's Appreciation Week – STC school informed our WGK about this event. Jeff Beck made a motion to use the school's vendor, Job's Brewing, to delivery Coffee and Bagels to the

Teacher's Lounge up to a maximum of \$300.00 and it was 2nd by Frank Louis, voted on and approved.

- Biking For Babies Sponsor – Monica Musesky, a teacher at St. Eleanore's School, is biking 600 miles in this charity event and is looking for a sponsor. Scott Morgan made a motion to donate \$100.00 in her name and 2nd by Terry Quinn, voted on and approved.

- **Notification:**

- Seminarians (Fr. Brandt) – The two Seminarians assigned to our parish for the past year, John McCabe and Dan Marino have had a positive impact on the ministries in our parish. They will be moving on to new assignments. (Applause).

- Insurance – No report.

- District Deputy (Jim Banks) – No report.

- **Good of the Order**

- SK Gordon Whitlock, Jr. (67) passed away today.
- Mr. Dunn, a teacher at JPJ II High School passed away.

- The next General Membership Meeting will be Thursday, June 5th at 7:00 pm in the Ministry Center.

- **Grand Knight Summary**

- **Closing Prayer: (Fr. Brandt)** Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel was recited by all.
- **Adjournment** – The Meeting was adjourned by the WGK at 8:06 PM.

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