

Knights of Columbus, St. Teresa of Calcutta Council # 15456

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 4, 2025

Call to Order: Worthy Grand Knight Jeff Beck called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Estimated Attendance: 50 Knights

The Opening Prayer was the Our Father led by Fr. Brandt. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Art.

The minutes to the last meeting held on November 6th were sent to all members by email. A motion was made by Jeff to approve the minutes and seconded by Art. The minutes were approved by vote.

Chaplin's Message: Fr. Brandt

- Father unveiled the EITC (Education Improvement Tax Credit Program) Banner. Father asked for a volunteer to build a portable stand so that it could be placed at various places around the campus.
- Fountain Restoration – The final work cannot be started until the Spring. The cost will be \$40,000.00. Yellow envelopes for donations to this project will be available and will be mailed out soon.

Grand Knight's Report: Jeff Beck

- We have a record attendance tonight. Welcome to the new members.
- Thank you to those who supported the call to help clean up the Hall after Nathan's funeral.
- Thanks to Michael Bauer and those who put up the Manger Set (Nativity Scene) in front of the Hall.
- Thank you to those who participated in the Call Out for the Viewing and funeral Mass for Roland Ranaglia. His family was very appreciative, especially when the Knights said the prayer in the front of the Church. Think about making yourselves available when the opportunity presents itself to represent the Knights at future funerals or events.
- Dan Zima and Jeff have been working on the "Breakfast with Santa" and are asking for volunteers.
- Tonight's Donation Bucket on the Food Table will be for the Special Olympics. (Scott) If anyone has an charity organization in mind for this donation, let him know.

Membership Report: Worthy Membership Director: Michael Bauer

- Our recent Membership Drive resulted in an Exemplification here for some new members.
- New members filled out applications: Pierre Giacalone, A.J. Giacalone.
- This was the first meeting for Gary Matz.
- Volunteer to mentor one of these new members and make them feel welcome to the Council.

Financial Report: Matt Kotch

- Money In: \$2,968.33
- Money Out: \$8,297.24
- General Fund Balance as of 11/30/25: \$26,121.73
- Reserve Fund Balance as of 11/30/25: \$10,206.87
- Pro Life Activities Allocation: \$2,109.16
- Revenue YTD is \$45,792.13

- Expenses YTD are \$50,499.16
- Revenue minus Expenses (Cash Flow): (- \$4,707.03)
- The Council is in good financial standing.

Rosary Program (Phil McGavin) – We are in the Chapel every Sunday at 10:00 AM.

Roses For Baptism – Dennis sends out the schedule by email. Use the local mic which can be found before Mass begins.

Man Up Philly – Register early for a discount on your ticket to \$49.50. This is a All-Day program at Cardinal O’Hara H. S. We will car pool from our parking lot.

Keep Christ in Christmas (Chuck) We will continue to sell magnets for \$5.00 and Give out Children’s Books after Mass. We sold \$230.00 so far. Also, it will cost \$1,200.00 for an 8-second “Keep Christ in Christmas” message on the signboard on Rt. 422 near Oaks. Other councils will also contribute, so that our share will be \$240.00.

Consecration to the Holy Family (Terry Quain) - Holy Family Prayer Cards will be handed out before all the Masses on December 28. Come early to help.

Food for Families (Charlie) – We will contribute 100 gift cards in the value of \$10.00 each. We will put a STC – K. of C. sticker on the back of each.

Food for Meetings – We need a volunteer for March thru September; Max. is \$175.00 reimbursement.

Mass Transit – We need volunteers to be substitutes to give 3 elderly ladies a ride to Mass.

St. Mary’s Franciscan Shelter (Dave) – Every month, we have delivered a pre-made meal to the Shelter. We need 1 or 2 new volunteers to replace those who are already on the annual schedule which is on our website.

Sarnelli House: (Steve Bardsley and Jeff) – A truck full of winter clothes and 30 casseroles made by the Wings were delivered. This was received with overwhelming appreciation. Their Christmas Party will be on Dec. 18. John Russo will be Santa. We leave at 3:30 pm.

Football Mania (John) – We had a couple of winners this year.

Life (Les) – Diapers left in the Chapel vestibule were donated to Birthright of Pottstown. Also, funds were collected at the Vets Appreciation Dinner.

ASAP (Jim Banks) – Our Council was reimbursed \$300.00 from Supreme for our Pro-Life Fund.

Communications – Send notices early to get in the weekly announcements.

Exemplification Saturday Recap – (Jim Banks) – Thank You to all whose who helped.

Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 8. (Andrew Michener & Dan Zima) - Set up on Saturday after the Bazaar and the 5:00 Mass. Use the STC Sign-up Genius to volunteer for one of the two shifts.

Community Breakfast (Chris Storti) – Last year, we only had 40 people and we lost money. This year, we had 80 people. This room is reserved for next year and the Caterer is set. Discussion: Next year, we could move this to the Hall, bring in a guest speaker, like Phil Martelli, sell tickets in advance, and call it the Pastor's Breakfast. A vote was taken by a show of hands and “In the Hall” won. This topic was tabled.

Free Throw Contest (Chuck Touey) – TBA sometime in January.

Evening with Fr. Rick – A Passionist Priest who opened the only Children’s Hospital in Hattie. He will hold a fundraiser in the Poconos on 12/27. The tickets cost \$125.00 per person.

Degree Development Report (Jim Banks)

- There will be a District Deputy meeting this Sunday. Jim will bring back any news.
- We always appreciate new members.
- We lost a member. The Call -Out for SK Charlie Charlton will be on Wed., 12/10 at 10:30 AM at St. Aloysius Church in Pottstown.

Fourth Degree (SK Les Reazor)

The next Fourth Degree Meeting will be on Thursday, 12/11 at 7:00 PM at Bally Council in Stowe.

Caroling at the Vet Center in Spring City will be on Sunday, 12/14 at 1:00 PM.

Unfinished Business

- K. of C. Pop-up Canopy Tent – A vote was taken to pay \$800.00 for this (see last meeting), and received a yeah vote. It was approved.
- Confirmation Robes – (see last meeting) – This item in the amount of \$1,670.00 was approved by unanimous verbal (yeah) vote.
- Billboard (Jeff Beck and Chuck Touey) – An emergency vote was taken of all Officers by email to approve a message, “Keep Christ in Christmas” to be displayed on the Rt. 422- W.B. Billboard before the Stowe exit (an 8-second rotation) for 30 days at an upfront total cost of \$1,200.00. Surrounding councils and the Assembly will also contribute to this advertisement, bringing our contribution to \$240.00.

New Business

STC Christmas Bazaar Clean-up (Andrew Michener) – We will move Tables and Chairs after Saturday’s event in this room.

Public Relations

- We received a Thank You letter from Birthright of Pottstown for our donation.
- A student, Ella, who received our Scholarship at PJP High School sent the Council a Thank You letter.
- Coventry Christian sent a Thank You letter for the winter coats donated to the children.
- Help with Tax Returns – You can help others. We need new members. Take a course and pick your day to volunteer.
- There were several Holiday Community Events announcements.

Our next General Meeting will be moved to Thursday, January 8 at 7:00 PM (due to the holiday).

The meeting was closed with a prayer at 8:10 PM.