

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

Meeting Minutes for Thursday, January 8, 2026

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

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 December 4th were sent to all members by email. A motion was made by Jeff to approve the minutes and seconded by Dave Tulli. The minutes were approved by an aye vote.

Chaplin's Message: Fr. Brandt

- Father thanked all who helped at last year's events and for your support.
- Our parish continues to grow. We have 3,750 registered families (very good).
- You will receive your monthly envelopes this weekend, a little late because the special collection for the fountain repair donation.
- OCIA (previously RCIA) is being led by Deacon Lou and his staff will conclude at the Easter Vigil. We had three (3) new members this week which brings our total to 30 people in the program (New Catholics).
- Our School starts registration soon. Also, our Vacation Bible School.
- Thank you to our new Summer Camp and CARE Program Director.

Grand Knight's Report: Jeff Beck

- It is an honor to be up here (Grand Knight). I will miss it. There is a legacy here back to the meetings in a trailer, the school, and now here. This is an organization that men love to belong.
- The STC logo Pop-up Tent was delivered. This will be a wonderful addition to our events.
- We have been notified to clean up the shared storage room in the gym which was once used as the sacristy. Label our stuff and store in one cabinet. (Fr. Brandt: cabinet once used for vestments will need shelves installed so we can repurpose this room.) Work to be done by the end of January.

Membership Report: Worthy Membership Director: Michael Bauer

- We have 2 new members here tonight: Jerry Rocks and Dominic L. They introduced themselves. (Michael) – We need mentors for these guys. Text them to keep them updated and attending meetings. Mike volunteered. We are planning a membership Drive. We need more help.

Financial Report: Matt Kotch

- Money In: \$2,805.83
- Money Out: \$5,069.83
- General Fund Balance as of 12/31/25: \$23,857.23
- Reserve Fund Balance as of 12/31/25: \$10,209.64
- Pro Life Activities Allocation: \$609.16 (Reflects a \$1,500.00 donation to Birthright in Dec.)
- Revenue YTD is \$48,597.96
- Expenses YTD are \$55,568.99
- Revenue minus Expenses (Cash Flow): (- \$6,971.03)

FAITH

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

Roses For Baptism (Dennis) – Since we started in 2017, we have presented white roses at 750 Baptisms. We need volunteers. The K. of C. ceremony takes less than one minute. Before Mass, locate the portable microphone stored in the back of the church. See Presentation schedule on our website.

FAMILY

Keep Christ in Christmas (Chuck) – We handed out over 1,000 Consecration to the Holy Family Prayer Cards. We collected an additional \$224.00 for the bumper stickers (\$5.00 each).

COMMUNITY

Mass Transit (Phil) – We need volunteers to be substitutes to give 3 elderly ladies a ride to Mass once per month. They really appreciate it.

St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter (Dave) – Every month, we have delivered a pre-made meal from a licensed kitchen 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 and part of the weekly announcements.

Sarnelli House: (Steve Bardsley and Jeff) – This is a soup kitchen in Kensington (Phila.) The casseroles from the Wings were delivered on Saturday, December 21st and John Russo was Santa for their Christmas Party.

Football Mania (John) – We had 3 winners this year. We did not sell three winning tickets last year. Our Council makes \$16.00 for each ticket sold. Our Super Bowl Block Pool will start soon.

Life (Les) – The Bassinet will be in the vestibule of the Chapel for the month of February and all donations will go to Birthright of Pottstown. Diapers are always needed plus the list is on the bassinet.

Communications (John Russo) – Look for the Tuesday Weekly Announcements for the Block Pool and the Chance of a Lifetime tickets are on sale there.

ACTIVITIES

Man Up Philly – This is an All-Day program at Cardinal O'Hara H. S. on Feb. 28th to re-energize your Faith. We will car pool from our parking lot at 7:00 AM. There will be excellent speakers – see announcements. Register for the Program on-line, includes lunch.

Food for Meetings – We need a volunteer for November and September. Please call Art if you cannot show on your assigned night. Our maximum reimbursement is \$175.00. Pizza (10 each) is suggested.

Council Free Throw Contest (Chuck Touey) – Feb. 1 will be the tournament in our gym. The district contest will be on Sun., Feb. 22 here. Sign up.

Breakfast with Santa Recap. (Chuck Touey, Andrew Michener & Dan Zima) – We had 24 knights and 16 student volunteers. We served 311 meals. This was a successful event. We do not have the final numbers yet. The Easter Bunny Breakfast is being planned. A brief meeting after this meeting.

Pastor's Breakfast (Chris Storti) – This was renamed from the Community Breakfast. The date will be April 26 at 10:00 AM. We have Phil Martelli scheduled. It will be held in the gym. After a discussion and vote, the price will be \$25.00 per person, \$15.00 for children. Because we pay the Speaker, we may lose money on this event or with raffle tickets break even. This is not a fundraiser. We need more knights to join the committee.

Degree Development Report (District Deputy: Jim Banks)

- There will be a 4th Degree Ceremony on Sat., 03/07. Degree: 1:00 – 3:00, Reception till 4:00 in Ministry Center, then wait until 5:00 Mass. Banquet Dinner after Mass. See the Financial Secretary.
- Think about putting the Easter Breakfast profits to the Special Olympics.
- Council to create a basket fundraiser for this event.
- Billboard update: Perkiomen Valley working on sending their check.

Fourth Degree (SK Les Reazor)

The next Fourth Degree Meeting will be on Thursday, 01/15 at 7:00 PM at Bally Council in Stowe.

Unfinished Business – none.

New Business

- (Art) – Our refrigerator freezes our beer. We need a new refrigerator. A motion to spend up to \$475.00 for a new refrigerator and trash the two that are downstairs was made by Art. It was 2nd by Jeff, the motion was voted on and approved, so it will carry to the next meeting.
- PAWS at PJP – a learning support program for students. It will start here in September, 2026 at a cost of \$94,500.00, most of which has been raised. Keith made a motion to donate \$5,000.00 to this program and it was 2nd by Dave Tulli. Students from STC will attend. The motion was tabled until next meeting.

Public Relations

- We received a Thank You letter from Project Purpose for the backpacks.
- Debbie Rorabaugh, Coordinator of Religious Education here at STC, received an award.

Estimated Attendance: 42 Knights here tonight.

Our next General Meeting will be Thursday, February 5th at 7:00 PM.

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Fr. Brandt at 8:15 PM.