



Meeting Minutes

July 21, 2025

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7PM GK Gordon Jefferes
2. Opening Prayer – Our Father led by IPGK Jim McCarry
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK Jefferes
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve June meeting minutes with no revision, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
 - No report
6. Grand Knight's Report (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Thank you to all new Officers and Committee members for your time and efforts in the year ahead!
 - Installation of Officers will be on August 14th after the Vigil Mass on the Feast of the Assumption. Please RSVP to GK Gordon if you plan on attending.
 - GK Jefferes and IPGK McCarry met with Fr. Gerlach to discuss the Knights. He has accepted once again the position of Chaplain for our council. Fr. Gerlach looks forward to another successful year for the Knights of Columbus at SSJ.
 - There is an announcement in the bulletin about a Knights meeting on Wednesday July 23rd. This is the District Deputy meeting and not a Council Meeting.
 - Supreme has notified our council that we have achieved Star Council for 3 years in a row! Congratulations all!
 - Past Grand Knight Award was presented to IPGK Jim McCarry. Thank you for a job well done over the past two years!
 - A few weeks ago, we celebrated our 30th Anniversary at the Overbrook Country Club. We had 30 brothers and their wives present. It was a great event!
 - Safe Environment - We as a Council are compliant with the Safe Environment Training.
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
 - Ending Bank Balance: \$27,747
 - Available Cash: \$24,776
 - Total Assets: \$28,047
 - Motion to approve the June Treasury Report, **PASSED** unanimously.
8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)
 - We are hoping that Deacon Mike Wilcox will join our council. He had expressed interest in the past and said that he would join after his ordination.

- There are 2 current membership incentives: Propose a new member, and receive an entry to win \$50 or \$100. The council can also enter a drawing to win 5 prizes of \$500 each.

9. Other Reports

- Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Tyler Costello)
 - Faith ()
 - Brother Tom Lopez has stepped down as our Faith Director.
 - GK Gordon is waiting to hear back from the rectory about Baptisms. There are no Baptisms this upcoming Sunday, July 27th.
 - This Wednesday July 23rd is the Malvern Retreat Faith and Fun event.
 - Invitations were passed out for the Men of Malvern Chester County Retreat from August 8-10.
 - Rose and Rosary - We will need to assemble some more kits for future Baptisms. We plan on assembling after the August Council Meeting.
 - There are multiple bus stipends available for the March for Life in Harrisburg in September.
 - Nativity BVM is sponsoring Retreat Weekend at the Malvern Retreat House for the Canonization of Bl. Carlo Acutis in September.
 - August 10th at the Malvern Retreat House is a talk about Eucharistic Miracles.
 - August 27th - Arise at Malvern Retreat House with Archbishop Perez.
 - Save the Date: October 26-28th is 40 Hours at SSJ.
 - Our council received a new photo of Pope Leo XIV.
 - COR (Dr. Joe Labriccioso)
 - We are having some challenges with COR. We will need to rethink the timing as we have only had 3 men in attendance. Dr. Joe will discuss with Deacon Jim Owens about the future of COR.
 - Family (Paul Bellino)
 - Spirit of the Parish Award - Next Award will be given out in early August. We are waiting on the availability of the recipient to confirm the date. Knights present at mass will be asked to stand and be recognized.
 - Thank you to Brother Al Delfra for submitting the Spirit of the Parish award to Supreme.
 - Community (Bill Watts)
 - Coats for Kids - Coats will be ordered in September and will be distributed in November/December.
 - Life (Jim McCarry)
 - Brian Popma received a message from Mother's Home stating that we have collected \$6,691 for the Baby Bottle Drive.
 - Spiritual Adoption program will start in September.
 - Special Olympics Fall Festival will be at Villanova University 11/7-11/9
 - Pro Life Mass and March to Planned Parenthood in West Chester is held monthly.
 - We were invited by Chester County Connect to their Summer Picnic on August 2nd at West Brandywine Park from 4-7pm.
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Tyler Costello)
 - No report.

- Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - 400 Club - Tickets were passed out to brother knights during the past month. Paul has extra tickets for those who need them. Every mass should be covered to sell 400 Club tickets. A sign up sheet for masses will be created and sent out to the Council.
 - The council discussed the possibility of using Square or Venmo so that we can take credit cards for payment.
- Health Services (Jay Harter)
 - Next Blood Drive at SSJ is August 5th.
- Social (John Ellis)
 - Next Bingo is August 22nd.
- Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - 4th Degree is on hiatus until September.
- Insurance Agent (Barry Phillips)
 - No report.
- District Deputy (Al Fonash)
 - No report
- Trustees' Report
 - The Trustees are in the process of Filing the Semi-Annual Report and Audit that is due on August 15th.
 - Our bylaws state that all transactions need to be approved on an individual basis by the council. The Supreme Advocate's Rules state that transactions under \$500 do not need to be approved on an individual basis as long as they are budgeted. We will follow this process going forward.

10. Unfinished Business

11. New Business

- John Ellis was approached by the Prayer Shawl Ministry asking for a donation of \$200 to support their ministry as the cost of materials have gone up. We will research and look to approve at the August Council Meeting.
- State Council is selling tickets for the Football Sweeps. Each ticket is \$10. \$8 go to the state and \$2 go to our Council. Proceeds benefit the State Educational Foundation for Scholarships. Mac is coordinating the Sweeps for our Council. Please see Mac if interested in purchasing or selling tickets.

12. Good of the Order

- Additions to the Council's prayer list were as follows:
 - Alan and Peggy Coleman
 - Sabrina Gooding
 - Matt Fanelli
 - Marston Erwin
 - Richard Smith
 - George Sinclair
 - Mary Gallagher (Deceased)
 - Joe Ranieri (Deceased)
 - Ed Albright
 - Patrick Hally
 - Nick DiProspero

- The names of those Brother Knights from the past 30 Years who have passed away were read aloud at the meeting.
13. Lecturer Reflection (Tom Lopez)
 - No report.
 14. Grand Knight Reflection (Gordon Jefferes)
 - The Officers Planning Meeting is very important, and it is open to all members. This is a time to hash out ideas so that we can keep our Council Meetings moving. Please plan on attending future OPMs. Please let GK Gordon know if you are unable to attend as we only had 5 members attend this past Tuesday.
 15. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney)
 - Read by GK Gordon Jefferes.
 16. Meeting adjourned: 8:16pm.
 17. Next OPM: Tuesday August 12th at 7PM via Zoom. Next Council Meeting is Monday August 18th at 7PM.