



Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2025

1. Call to Order – Meeting called to order at 7PM by GK Gordon Jefferes.
2. Opening Prayer – Led by IPGK Jim McCarry
3. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by GK Jefferes
4. Approve Minutes of Prior Meeting
 - Motion to approve August meeting minutes with no revision, **PASSED** unanimously.
5. Chaplain's Message (Fr. Gerlach)
 - No report
6. Grand Knight's Report (Gordon Jefferes)
 - Thank you Notes from PREP for their Bibles gifts.
 - Baptism Next Sundays Sep 21 and 28, please see GK Jefferes if interested.
 - Message from Margaret Strait from Spiritual adoption program, please share your email GK Jefferes to be added to the list of participants.
 - Receive request from Respect Life group for additional help from our Council for this year, GK Jefferes to follow up.
 - Thank you note from Mary Rose coordinator for Mother's Home, thank you for the donation of \$6,691.50, these funds will be used for much needed items for the residents and their children. Brian will communicate with Mary Rose to ensure the letter is addressed to the KofC council.
 - Thank you note from Sue Seacrest for the donation to purchase yarn to make shawls for those in need.
 - Request from Sister Barbara Jude asking for support for back to school PREP night, dates TUE 9/23, 5:15 and 7 pm Wed 9/24 7 pm.
 - Invitation to participate 5K Nov 8 , Council Trustees to advise on participation.
 - Gala Union League Nov 6, tickets \$150. Please see GK Jefferes if anyone is interested.
 - Apostolate for family consecration information on retreat opportunities. Request for \$500 donation. Council Trustees to advise.
 - Next Monday Sep 22nd is the Pennsylvania March for Life at the Pennsylvania State Capitol in Harrisburg.
7. Financial Report (Charlie DiValerio)
 - Ending Bank Balance: \$34,121.00
 - Available Cash: \$31,150.00
 - Total Assets: \$ 34,421.00
 - Motion to approve the August Treasury Report, **PASSED** unanimously.

8. Membership Report (Jim Bushong)

- GK Jefferes commented on the incentive program for new recruits during fall 2025, any Knight who invites two men to join KofC between Sep 1 and Dec 31, 2025 will be entered in a drawing for a cash prize of \$1,500.
- Henrick Fisher 4th degree KofC passed away.

9. Other Reports

- Faith In Action Programs – Program Director (Tyler Costello)
 - Faith ()
 - We are still in need of Faith Director, please reach out to Tyler or GK Jefferes
 - COR (Dr. Joe Labriccioso)
 - COR program scheduled for the fourth Saturday after mass at 9 am, next COR is Saturday Sep 27.
 - Family (Paul Bellino)
 - We are still in need of Family Director, please reach out to Paul or GK Jefferes
 - Spirit of the Parish Award to be given On Saturday Sep 27 at 5:00 pm mass
 - Sister Barbara Jude gave a Family of the month candidate, if anyone is interested to learn the process, please see Paul.
 - Hospitality Sunday needs new leadership. GK Jefferes waiting to schedule a meeting with Fr. Gerlach.
 - Community (Bill Watts)
 - The Coats for Kids were ordered, Council ordered 6 boxes with State matching, for a total of 12 boxes.
 - GK Jefferes shared the essay contest information, and will reach out to the teacher for the essay theme.
 - Planning to drive to North Philly and Casa de Carmen, will touch base with Mother Encarnacion. Also to IHM Sisters for coat donations to Kensington. Idea to also donate sweaters.
 - Start planning for Christ in Christmas poster competition.
 - Life (Jim McCarry)
 - Brothers John, Joe and Jim participated in the Special Olympics bowling, with more than 100 participants, it was a great event. Shared pictures with GK Jefferes.
 - Family Faith and Fun day in October, waiting to hear if they need help from Council.
- Committees:
 - Retention Committee (Tyler Costello)

- No report
 - Fundraising Committee (Paul Bellino)
 - Ed Lack reported only 11 tickets left for 400 club, thank you everyone for your support.
 - Paul discussed an idea to bring together parishioners. Will report back after the meeting with Bob and Marion McCarry.
 - Football tickets are selling well, need to submit by mid October.
 - Bingo discussion about seat layout and improve plan and communication with Church Facilities.
 - Health Services (Jay Harter)
 - Flu and Covid shots are available. Walgreens offers Covid shots for free.
 - Social (John Ellis)
 - No report
 - Fourth Degree (Gordon Jefferes)
 - The next meeting is October 6th at 7:30 pm. Anyone interested in fourth degree there is still an opportunity for October 18th in Lancaster, see GK Jefferes if interested.
 - Insurance Agent (Barry Phillips)
 - No report
 - District Deputy (Al Fonash)
 - Since this is the beginning of the school year, this is a reminder that KofC has a scholarship program for high school students. Also, a tuition program for college, lottery process for \$1,000 college tuition.
 - Since we are in September, not too early to start planning for the Council level soccer challenge.
 - COAL tickets will come out in early October.
 - Group photo of the Council 30th anniversary.
 - Trustees' Report
 - No report
10. Unfinished Business
- No report
11. New Business
- Dean commented on two ideas for fundraising and recruiting: 1) . Pumpkin patch idea, initial idea required a 8-10 hours every day, not a good option. A second idea for an event for split 50/50. 2) Recruiting opportunities during BSHS football games, Phoenixville council set up a tent for recruiting during the game.
 - A couple is interested in donating \$14,000 to pay for an ultrasound machine. GK Jefferes and IPGK Jim McCarry will discuss with Council Trustees.
12. Good of the Order
- Additions to the Council's prayer list were as follows:

- Lauren Dior
- Dan Gibson
- Thomas Duane
- Gayle Toland
- Henrick Fisher
- Megill Family
- Cindy Spell
- Emma Sweney
- Kevin Donohue
- Beth Ann Powers
- Rita Disanto
- Larry Startzell

11. Lecturer Reflection (Tom Lopez)

- No reflection

13. Grand Knight Reflection (Gordon Jefferes)

- Remind everyone if interested in participating in new opportunities.

14. Closing Prayer (Prayer for the Canonization of Blessed Michael McGivney)

- Read by GK Jefferes

15. Meeting adjourned: 8:18 pm

16. Next OPM: Tuesday October 14, 2025 at 7PM via Zoom. The next Council Meeting is Monday October 20, 2025 at 7PM.