



Father Ben Powers Council #1315

Bowling Green, KY

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Brotherhood Bulletin

September 2025

A Word from the Grand Knight



Greetings Brother Knights.

As we get into September, we will be getting busy. Our September meeting will have an exemplification for new members. We will be getting ready for our tootsie roll drive in October. There will be a sign-up sheet at the September membership meeting for this very important fund raiser. Please remember why we joined to become Knights and sign up to help with this event.

We need a new recorder as our current recorder has resigned due to a health problem. Please consider this position as we are in dire need of a recorder.

Deputy Grand Knight Chris Durbin has sent out a list of programs for our council to do and complete for credit from the Supreme Council. These programs need chairmen to lead the programs so please consider which program you would like to lead and contact Chris Durbin.

Vivat Jesus,
GK Chuck Ledford

The Chaplain's Corner



Brother Knights,

It is a joy to serve as your chaplain. When I think about my role in the Council my mind immediately goes back to the vision of our founder, Blessed Michael McGivney. He was a simple parish priest who understood the importance of Catholic men coming together in faith, to strengthen one another, and to serve their families and parishes with courage and love. His vision was not only practical, but deeply spiritual. He understood that men of faith, bound together in fraternity, could change the world through charity.

In his first letter to the Corinthians St. Paul wrote: *“Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love.”* These words ring as true today as they did in the early Church. We live in a world where faith is often pushed aside or even ridiculed. As Knights, you and I are called to be men who stand firm, not in anger or bitterness, but in love. True strength always flows from love. There is no greater love than that of Jesus Christ.

As your chaplain, my hope is to walk with you on our common mission as Knights. To propose Christ to a world in desperate need for the presence of what seems like a God-forsaken world. As Catholics we know God has not abandoned his people. We as Knights are called to be beacons of that truth and live it through our words, actions, and prayer.

I am calling on all of us to make prayer the foundation of our knighthood. Everything we do as Catholic men is only as strong as our connection to Christ. Without him, our good works are reduced to mere philanthropy. But with Christ, they become a witness of the Gospel, and a sign of God’s love that flows from the Holy Eucharist. They world needs that witness. I encourage us all to recommit ourselves to prayer. Pray with your families. Pray with our brother Knights. Above all, make time each day, without compromise, to pray with Christ in silence. This could be only a minute or two. I promise you if we root ourselves in Christ, our works will bear fruit far beyond what we could ever imagine.

Blessed Michael McGivney once said, “the Knights of Columbus should be an example to the world of the good that Catholic men can accomplish.” Let us strive to live that calling together in faith, fraternity, love.

Please know of my prayers for all of you.

In Christ,

Fr. Chris Kight
Chaplain



Announcements, And More

- **Tootsie Roll Drive in October.**
 - See Flyer at the bottom of the newsletter.
- Please buy your **Football Frenzy** tickets if you haven't yet!
- We presented the **Teacher Appreciation** check at St. Joseph School in August. Thanks to all!
 - See Picture at bottom of the newsletter
- By the way, I just found out how they make Holy Water: They boil the hell out of it... 🤪 😄

September Birthdays

Andrew Embry	1
Theh Reh	1
Larry Halida	4
Thang Mung	5
Thomas Waters	5
Steve Baka	6
Calvin Colburn	6
Dr Michael Byrne	7
Barry Howard	8
Bernie Schwitzgebel	8
Dianne Meffert	9
Larry Willoughby	10
Carolyn Johnson	13
John Knepler	15
Tanya Gries	15
John Schnell	16
Brian Collins	17
Mary Kovar	17
Mary Krutulsky	18
Rebecca Litsey	18
Nathan Jagers	19
Maurice Oelker	20
Shehan Netthisinghe	22
Angela Schwab	22
Jack Thomas	23
Donald Dobernic	24
Doris Jean Thompson	27
Chad Embry	28
David Finney	29
John Phelps	30

September Anniversaries

William and Cindy Mills	2	35
Stephen and Wanda Baka	5	55
Timothy and Martha McAnnany	13	11
Anthony and Rhona Feckter	14	62
Luiz and Marcia Silva	14	6
Virgil and Beverly Rakers	17	59
Thomas and Debra Barnes	23	2
David and Debby Cherry	24	42
Jeffery and Ashley Crowe	24	20
Richard and Kathy Granger	25	54
Michael and Nan O Leary	26	44
Stephen and Sharon Maloney	28	62
Mark and Lynn Fotia	28	29
John and Cynthia Korba	29	41



August Meeting Minutes

Pre-Meeting was a presentation by Bowling Green police officer Ronnie Ward

K of C Council 1315 Bowling Green, KY Meeting Minutes Tuesday August 12,2025

Grand Knight Chuck Ledford called meeting to order @ 7:17 pm.
Fr Chris Lead the council in prayer at Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Motion by Leonard Walther Accept minutes as sent out via e-mail for July meeting, Joe Kunkle second.
Motion Passed no Ney votes

Officers Roll call

I	Grand Knight - Chuck Ledford PRESENT	IX	Inside Guard - Carl Smith PRESENT
II	Deputy Grand Knight - Chris Durbin PRESENT	X	Outside Guard - Rob Pfingston ABSENT
III	Financial Secretary - Dave Chandler PRESENT	XI	One Year Trustee - Chuck Lawless ABSENT
IV	Chancellor - Greg Kunkle ABSENT	XII	Two Year Trustee - Billy Mills PRESENT
V	Recorder - Bill Siebold ABSENT	XIII	Three Year Trustee - Martin Fanning PRESENT
VI	Treasurer - Robert Allende PRESENT	XIV	Chaplain - Fr Chris Kight PRESENT
VII	Advocate - Chris Vowels PRESENT	XV	Lecturer - John McGuire PRESENT
VIII	Warden - Steve Baka PRESENT		

Chaplains Report - Fr. Chris Kight

KCs should be ideal Catholic men with their actions rooted in prayer. Fr Kight proposed moving meetings to St Joe every 3 months to have adoration and prayer at Marian Shrine in place of meal. Officers to discuss and the council will vote on meeting change.

Grand Knight Report - Chuck Ledford

- Exemplification will be held next meeting (9/9)
- Tootsie rolls ordered. Need members to sign up to make it successful.
- Ed Schwab has asked for rides to Nashville for a double lung transplant. Carl Smith is providing transportation tomorrow (8/13) and will report details of what is needed. Will need other council members to volunteer.
- Grand Knight reported we have an opening for a 3-year trustee. Rick Osborne nominated **Martin Fanning**, and Chris Durbin seconded. Council approved.

Program Report - Chris Durbin

- Chris has passed out packets for council Program signups. Need each member to sign up to lead a Program. We are and should be men of God.
- Has Football Frenzy tickets. Has asked for members to take a few tickets to sell. Tickets are due at the next meeting (9/9)

Financial Secretary - Dave Chandler

- 7/1/25 - 311 members; 7/31/25 – 310 members: Joe Walsh transfer in, Jason Cabral transferred out & 1 death
- 34 outstanding members. 14 will be State affiliated.
- Name tags for members- if you need one let Dave Chandler know
- Kentucky Heavenly pennies collection sent around This helps support our seminarians with education
- Several name tags need to be picked up
- Good of Order: Card sent to sick members
- The August income statement was emailed to membership separately.

Treasurer Report - Robert Allande

- Month of July 2025 Start- **\$8,286.31**
- Credits- \$35,364.41(this includes \$35K transferred from investments)
- Debits- (\$8689.57)
- Balance - **\$34,961.15**

Insurance Agent - Leonard Walther

- KC Annuities to not charge a commission.
- Three reasons for an Annuity: Use as a buffer to draw from when Market is down, has a guaranteed rate, and use as death benefit

Charity Committee - Rick Osborne

- Checks made out to 5 Recipients from 2024 Tootsie Roll Drive: New Beginnings, The Buddy House, The Hive, Top Crops, & BG Special Olympics
- Getting authorization from Houchins for 2025 Tootsie Roll Drive to be held 10/24&25 and from Masses on 10/26.
- No new charity requests this month
- We need to organize baby shower for St Gianna
- Beaver Dam Council is in the process of raising funds for an Ultrasound machine for Hartford. They have \$9,500 and need \$20,000. We will contribute if needed.
- Looking at Safe Haven baby boxes for outlying communities in the area. Must be at a 24-hr. manned fire station

Deputy Grand Knight - Rick Osborne

- To be Star Council we need to get points by program participation.
 - We have been Star Council for the last 2 years
- Russellville reactivated and am working on Scottsville & Glasgow Councils

Other

- John McGuire reported there will be no program in September due to exemplification.
- The October program will be Brian Roy from Courageous Kids in Scottsville.



Prayer Requests

Allen Freeland
Ed Schwab
Marti Billhartz

Meeting adjourned at 8:05.



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Annual Tootsie Roll Drive 2025

After All Weekend Masses at the doors on:

October 25th and 26th

Also, at the following IGA Locations on Oct. 24 & 25th

Lovers Lane



Plano Rd



Checks

Make your Tax Deductible Check Payable To “KAPID” :

****KOC KY Association for Persons with Intellectual Disabilities****

100% of the Proceeds Benefit programs such as:

The Buddy House - Special Olympics - Top Crops -

New Beginnings Therapeutic Riding - Camp Marc -

The Hive and Other Knights of Columbus Sponsored Camps



Please Be Generous and Thank You



Teacher Appreciation Check Presentation

