



St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

11 Jabish Street, P.O. Box 1343
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AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER

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A Few Facts About the Order of the Knights of Columbus

- The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, a young parish priest in New Haven, CT.
- It is a strong supporter of the Catholic Church, both in deeds and financially, from the parish level to the Vatican.
- It has an international membership of over 1.8 million devoted Catholic men.
- It is a family oriented fraternal organization based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism open to all practicing Catholic men eighteen years older.
- Its benefits, services, insurance and programs are available to every member in good standing and their family.

A Few Facts About St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council 10698

- Members contribute their time according to their own availability. There is no specific time or obligation to participate.
- We devote ourselves to our parish and community assisting those in need and those physically or mentally challenged.
- We annually provide scholarships to Belchertown high school graduates.
- We sponsor social events throughout the year open to all in our community.
- We sponsor and arrange trips to local shrines, sporting events, theatrical venues, tourist attractions and casinos.
- We contribute and participate in annual parish and community events such as; Living Rosary, the Belchertown Memorial Day Parade & ceremony, the annual Parish Tag Sale, the Belchertown Fair & Parade.
- We join as one in prayer for the repose of souls and for comfort & healing of those in need.
- We meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at our Council home at 11 Jabish Street, Belchertown, MA. Prior to the 1st meeting of the month (on the second Tuesday) members share dinner together at 6 p.m. in the council home.

K of C COUNCIL 10698's **AUGUST 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
According to a Wikipedia ~ Only 34% of people living in Massachusetts attend church weekly, Resulting in ranking 47 th in the U.S.		1	2	3	4	5
				Concert on the Common		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p		Concert on the Common		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
KofC Paw Sox game (see pg. 4)				Concert on the Common	Diocese "Faith in Fire" rally (see pg. 5)	Diocese "Faith in Fire" rally (see pg. 5)
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Council 10698 Meeting 7p				St. Francis Tag Sale
27	28	29	30	31		

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 10698
August 2017 Newsletter

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace."

~ A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT ~

Brothers;

What a great month we had. The weather was perfect and we had a couple of great events. I think all that attended the Blue Sox game will agree that it was an awesome time. I know my family enjoyed certainly enjoyed it. Our meeting on the 25th was well attended and many stayed afterwards to have some "Backyard Fun" I am looking forward to our Admissions Degree that we will be having on August 22nd as we welcome in 2 new Brothers.

As we prepare for a busy Fall that will include our #1 fundraiser in the Fair, a major Scholarship fundraiser in the Golf Tournament and an excellent volunteer opportunity in the Tag Sale, lyrics of a King & Country song, "Fix My Eyes" comes to mind:

*Give when it's not fair
Live life for another
Take time for a brother
Fight for the weak ones
Speak out for freedom
Find faith in the battle
Stand tall but above it all
Fix my eyes on You*

We are tasked to do many things, to give when it is not fair, to fight for the weak ones, to take time for a brother. But above all that, let's fix our eyes on the Lord. Let's not just be a group of men giving back to our community through our works but let's also remember that we are called to be practical Catholic men. This means regular participation in the Mass and Reconciliation. When receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we are strengthened and rejuvenated to give just that much more of ourselves. The grace that is given when we confess our sins in reconciliation powers us to give a little bit more of ourselves.

As we prepare for a busy couple of months my prayer for all of you is that you are grace filled and strengthened by the Lord. God Bless

Viva Jesus
Steve Corbin, Grand Knight

~ Hats Off & Thank You to:

- 👍 Our Worthy District Deputy, Rob Krafchuk for organizing the Valley Blue Sox event
- 👍 To all those who have already committed to helping with the fair and golf tournament
- 👍 To our Worthy Financial Secretary for again stepping up to work the Concert on the Commons
- 👍 To our Worthy Deputy Grand Knight, Kevin Bowen, for organizing the purchase of t-shirts (see him during a meeting to let him know your size).

~ ***Your Prayers are requested*** ~

- † For repose of the souls of Elizabeth Dole, AJ Badger and all departed Knights of our council.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Your perpetual light shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

- † For healing and comfort for; PGK Terry Carney, PGK Tom Barry, DD Rob Krafchuk, Ivan LeBrun, Wayne Griffin, Betty Griffin, Thomas Bowen, Teri Terzi, Bev Rose, Noah Jubb.
- † For all those suffering in solitude in need of the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- † For all to learn and practice our lord Jesus Christ's ***Compassion, Understanding and Patience.***
- † For the comfort, safety and well-being of all that protect our safety and freedoms by serving in our military, police, fire fighters, and EMTs.

~ **A Call to Serve** ~

- **HELP IS NEEDED** on ***every*** Sunday to assist Holyoke Soldiers Home residents in wheelchairs between the elevator and the chapel. Volunteers are asked to check in with the receptionist at 9:15am.
- **HELP WILL BE NEEDED** to assist in our refreshment stand at the Concerts on the Common on Thursdays; Aug 3, 10, 17. Meet at council hall at 6p to assist.
- **TAG SALE-----NEED I SAY MORE!!!**
- Members are asked to **"Step Up"** to help with the council's preparations for our Town Fair. This is our largest fund-raiser and your help is needed to make this year's efforts successful.
- All Council 10698 Knights are asked to support and attend activities/functions sponsored by our council, especially events we offer open to parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi and our community.

**MASSACHUSETTS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DAY
WITH THE PAWTUCKET RED SOX**



SUNDAY, AUGUST 13TH @ 1:35PM

PawSox vs Columbus Clippers (Cleveland Indians AAA Team)

K of C price pp = \$12.00 (Regular Price \$13.00)

SPECIAL = Each \$12 ticket will receive a "PRE-LOADED TICKET"

worth a Ballpark Credit of \$4 - redeemable for merchandise or concessions.

***The first 50 kids purchasing tickets will be on the field to "High Five" PAWSOX players as they enter the field and help the PAWSOX Mascots- "Paws" & "Sox" - to say the pre-game "PLAY BALL".**

Purchase Early!!

Order/Reserve your tickets through the State Office (781) 551-0628

~ “Faith in Fire” Rally ~

Thursday, August 18th & Friday, August 19th, from 6p-9p, at Sacred Heart Parish in Feeding Hills. This is a great event for the whole family. There are great speakers, a Eucharistic procession, music, food. Bishop Rozanski will be the keynote speaker. For more information contact GK Steve Corbin, 413.364.8152.

~ A Great time at the Valley Blue Sox Game ~

Council 10698 members and their families enjoyed a wonderful evening on July 22nd at Mackenzie Stadium to watch the Blue Sox play. Our GK Steve Corbin had the privilege of throwing out the first ball.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

7th annual Golf Tournament

50% of the profits go into our council's
Scholarship Fund

**Sunday, September 17th, at
Cold Spring Country Club
336 Chauncey Walker Rd. (Rte 21)
Belchertown, MA**

Door Prizes! Closest to the Pin contest! Putting contest!
and a "hole-in-one" could win you a **Brand New Car** (model TBD)!

\$125.00 pp (\$100.00 pp if paid in full by August 17th)
includes: green fee, cart, coffee, pastries and a buffet dinner.
optional guests: \$20.00 pp for the buffet only

8am Registration, 9am Shotgun Start
No jeans or cargo shorts, wear of a collared shirt is required

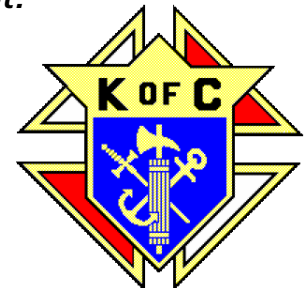
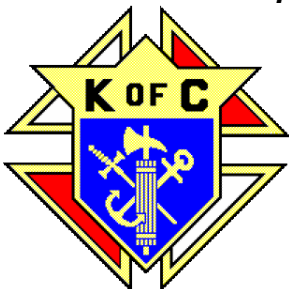
For tickets or further info, please contact:

Rob Krafchuk, 244-3682

Chuck Lydon, 364-4854

Ray Fontaine, 537-4086

*Any donations for raffles will
be greatly appreciated.*





Knights of Columbus

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL, No. 10698

11 Jabish Street P.O. Box 1343
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From the moment of our founding in 1882, charity has been the first principle of the Knights of Columbus. Our charitable activities encompass an almost infinite variety of local, national and international projects. Our Belchertown Council continues this tradition by rendering assistance to the sick, needy and disabled members of our community as well as promoting and supporting our youth in various activities.

On September 17th the Council will be hosting our seventh annual golf tournament here in Belchertown at the Cold Spring Country Club. The funds raised will be made available to those in need and for local activities that promote good Christian values. There are numerous possibilities for business partner participation ranging from sponsorship levels ranging from Diamond to Bronze. Would you please help us to make the tournament a successful event by selecting one of the sponsorships below?

Sponsorship Levels

Diamond **\$1,000.00 (Only one at this level)**
Hole in One Challenge Sponsorship, Full Page Ad in the program and registration for a team of four

Platinum **\$600.00**
Hole Sponsorship, Full Page Ad in program and registration for a team of four

Gold **\$250.00**
Hole Sponsorship & Full Page Ad in program

Silver **\$100.00**
Half Page Ad in program

Bronze **\$50.00**
Business Card in program

So that we can add your organization to our program please respond by September 1st.

If a sponsorship is not possible would you please consider a contribution from your organization of a raffle item such as a gift certificate, merchandise or service? Any donation would make it possible for us to do more in our community and ensure that this event will be an enjoyable outing that will continue for many years to come.

You can be sure that your gift will be acknowledged during the event, and we will encourage the participants patronize your organization.

Sincerely,

Robert Krafchuk
Chair, Golf Tournament Committee
St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus, Council 10698
Belchertown, MA
rKrafchuk@aol.com



THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Family Fully Alive Building the Domestic Church

is a booklet of meditations and activities to enrich your family life.
It is available to all knights of our council at no charge.
You may get yours at council meetings, activities and functions.
Distributed on a *first come, first served* basis.

~ K of C Council 10698's 3-month Activity Agenda ~

Mark your calendars!

Council meetings (*every month*): 2nd Tuesday- Dinner 6p, meeting 7p. 4th Tuesday, meeting 7p

DATE/TIME:	EVENT / ACTIVITY:
Thu. Aug 3, 10, 17	B'town Community Band Concert on the Common.
Sun. Aug 13	K of C Paw Sox game , Pawtucket, RI
Thu/Fri, Aug 18/19	"Faith in Fire" rally. See pg. 5
Tue, Aug 22, 7p	Council 10698 meeting, Admission degree ceremony
Sat. Aug 26	St. Francis Tag Sale , B'town Common, rain or shine
Mon. Sept 4	Labor Day
Sun. Sept 17	Council 10698 7 th annual golf tournament
Sept 22-24	Belchertown Fair

**Deadline to submit articles and/or pictures to this newsletter
is no later than 6pm on the 4th Wednesday each month.**

K of C Council 10698 Newsletter Editor~ PGK Bill Bowen, phone: 413.687.7962

Email your contributions to: btowncoordinator@charter.net.

Every effort is made to ensure the content and information in this newsletter is accurate and informative.

Comments and corrections are welcome.

Be sure to "LIKE" & follow us on Facebook: "Belchertown Knights of Columbus Council 10698"

KofC Council 10698 newsletter may be found at www.stfrancisbelchertown.com/knights-of-columbus

Note: ADOBE READER is required to open and view the newsletter on-line. Download is free.

Printed copies of this newsletter may be mailed via the USPS to Council 10698 members upon request to the editor. A fee of \$6.00 is required to cover postage.

Widows of members = no charge

**Advertising in Council 10698's monthly newsletter is FREE to all members of Council 10698
and for businesses that help our council in our fund-raising efforts.**

Contact the editor via email (addr above)

if you have would like to advertise something to sell or your business/service.

Please support these businesses that help our council!

Men of St. Joseph

St. Francis of Assisi Chapter

"Put the family in the hands of the Father"

Parish Social Center/ Pine Room

Every Wednesday from 7:30-8:30

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