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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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JUNE 2015 NEWSLETTER


Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

~ What is the Knights of Columbus all about? ~

Here are a few things we want to brag about our council for what we do for our members, their families, the parish of St. Francis of Assisi and our community:

- ❖ Assist members and their families in time of need.
- ❖ Donate funds to provide services and equipment to the physically challenged.
- ❖ Support and participate in the 'Right to Life' Anti-Abortion programs and demonstrations for the unborn.
- ❖ Participate as a group in civic ceremonies and activities.
- ❖ Sponsor seminarians through the KofC RSVP program.
- ❖ Provide high school graduate scholarships.
- ❖ Donate funds in support Belchertown Little League baseball and St. Francis Cub Scout Pack 507.
- ❖ Provide assistance and activities for the residents of the Soldiers Home in Holyoke, MA.
- ❖ Sponsor and support the annual K of C Youth Basketball Free-throw contest.
- ❖ Perform Usher duties at St. Francis of Assisi Masses.
- ❖ Support our Catholic way of life through prayer and devotion.
- ❖ We just have fun with our friends and families.

K of C COUNCIL 10698's JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Fr. Vern's Garden Party after 4pm Mass
7 Corpus Christi	8	9 Council 10698 Dinner 6pm *Meeting 7pm	10	11	12 Sacred Heart of Jesus	13
14 Flag Day 	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Council 10698 Meeting 7pm	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	* K of C Council 10698 elections for 2015-16 officers will be held on at the council meeting Tuesday, June 9, 7pm.			

2014-2015 Officers of Knights of Columbus Council 10698

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

~ Chaplain's Message ~

Brother Knights...

I was very pleased to join in the celebration of Memorial Day as our Council participated in our town's annual parade and memorial service. Though we were unfortunately few in number, I believe our presence in the parade made a great statement regarding our Catholic Faith and the presence of our parish here in this community. As our country seems to be growing more and more secular it is imperative that we bring to light, by our witness, the importance of Faith and Church. We are one nation under God and we need to stand up for this even more so in today's world. I could not help but think what an incredible witness it would be if our 100+ members had been with us! God Bless, Fr. Vern

~ 2015-16 Council Officer Election ~

Council 10698 2015-16 officers will be elected at the council meeting on
Tuesday, June 9.

All members are urged to attend this important meeting.

Remember in your Prayers ~

- † For repose of the souls of all deceased brothers of the Knights of Columbus; For the victims of the earthquakes in Nepal; For the victims of the extreme weather in the U.S. Midwest; For those of the U.S. military killed helping others and in defense of our country.

Eternal rest grant unto them oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen

- † For improved health and comfort for; Tom Curto, Charles Lydon Sr., Elaine Lydon, Beth Praudis, Donald Vacchi, Robert Hawley, Thomas Bowen, Teri Terzi, Ivan LeBrun, Ray Fontaine Sr., Chelsea Rose Phanuef, Al Roccanti, Michael DaCosta, Barbara Hume, Mary Rose Hurley, Noah Jubb, Robert Hayes.
- † For all those suffering in solitude in need of the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- † For all to practice Christ's *Compassion, Understanding and Patience*.
- † For our government officials to maintain our rights, freedoms, safety and happiness.
- † For the safety and well-being of all serving in our military, police, fire fighters, and EMTs.

~ Special Thanks and 'Hats Off' ~

- To GK Chuck Lydon for being a great leader and a good year.
- To PGK Tom and Donna Grady for their work and preparations for the refreshments Memorial Day.
- To PGK Tom, Colleen and Jen Barry for placing K of C flags on the graves in Belchertown, Bondsville and Ware of our departed brother Knights for Memorial Day.
- To all brother Knights that come to our meetings and help with our activities. You make our council stronger.

~ A Call to Serve ~

- **HELPERS NEEDED** on *every* Sunday to assist Holyoke Soldiers Home residents in wheelchairs between the elevator and the chapel. Helpers are asked to check in with the receptionist at 9:15am.
- **USHERS NEEDED** during the St. Francis of Assisi weekend Masses. If you can help please let Deacon Bill know prior to the beginning of services in the gathering space.

~ Was your name drawn? ~

Members present at each council meeting put a quarter 'into the pot' to be eligible to win a cash prize of up to \$50. The names are drawn from the council's member list. The member must be present at the meeting to win!

The names drawn at the May meetings were:

May 12 – Paul Gilbert, not present

May 26 – Robert Letendre, not present



Congratulations to Council 10698 Recorder brother Pat Nee on his dedication to the BHS boys lacrosse team. The team won the championship for the first time in Belchertown history.
Outstanding!

Thanks to the Council 10698 Knights and family members that participated in Belchertown's Memorial Day parade and ceremony to pay their respects to those of our community that made the supreme sacrifice for us and our country.





**Knights of Columbus
Council 10698
5th Annual Golf Tournament**

Saturday, July 18th,

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

\$95.00 pp includes cart & full buffet dinner

Win a NEW CAR for a "Hole-in-One"!

Closest to the Pin contest,

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and much more!***

Registration~ 8am, coffee & pastries

Shotgun Start~ 9am

(dress code= Wear of a collared shirt required. NO jeans or 'cargo shorts'.)

For tickets or further information, please contact:

PGK Rob Krafchuk, 413-244-3682

DGK Chuck Lydon, 413-364-4854

Ray Fontaine, 323-9308

Proceeds to benefit Council 10698 High School Scholarship Fund.

Can you donate a prize?

We are in need of monetary or gift-item donations to be raffled at the golf tournament.

Can you or your employer make a donation? Please contact: GK Chuck Lydon, PGK Rob Krafchuk or Ray Fontaine at the phone numbers above. To sponsor a hole use the form on the last page of this newsletter. All help and contribution will be gratefully accepted.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

COUNCIL MEETINGS: **2nd Tuesday** each month; DINNER~ 6pm, MEETING~ 7pm
 4th Tuesday each month; MEETING~ 7pm.

<i>DATE:</i>	<i>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</i>
Tue., Jun 9, 7pm	Council 10698 2015-16 officer election , at the council meeting.
June 14	Flag Day. Show your support for our flag; wear Red, White & Blue!
Sat. July 4 th	INDEPENDENCE DAY. Federal holiday = Fri. July 3
Sat., July 18	K of C Council 10698 Annual Golf Tournament , Cold Springs Country Club.
Sun. Aug 16:	
12 noon	K of C Council 10698 Installation of 2015-16 officers , St. Francis of Assisi church, 12 noon (immediately following 10:30am Mass)
1-6pm	K of C Council 10698 Family Picnic , at KofC 113, Ware, MA immediately following the officer installation until 6pm. Hamburgers & Hotdogs, Chips, soda. Cash bar. Pot Luck , bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Games for kids of all ages!
Sat. Aug 29	St. Francis Tag Sale on B'town Common. Helpers will be needed.

"Summer was here again. Summer, summer, summer. I loved and hated summers. Summers had a logic all their own and they always brought something out in me. Summer was supposed to be about freedom and youth and no school and possibilities and adventure and exploration. Summer was a book of hope. That's why I loved and hated summers. Because they made me want to believe."

– [Benjamin Alire Sáenz](#).

Dear Brother Knight,

The U.S. House of Representatives will vote this week on H.R. 36, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. This important measure will ban abortions on unborn children aged 20 weeks or older, based upon substantial medical evidence that these unborn children can experience pain. With H.R. 36, Congress will exercise its authority to protect these vulnerable pre-born children.

However, while a vote has been scheduled for later this week, successful passage of H.R. 36 is not assured. H.R. 36 needs your personal support. [Please contact your elected congressional representatives and senators today by clicking here.](#) Ask them to support H.R. 36 with their vote, and encourage your family, friends, fellow parishioners, and Brother Knights to get involved and actively support this legislation.

Thank you for all you do to promote a Culture of Life.

K of C Council 10698 Newsletter Editor~ Bill Bowen, phone: 413.323.7080

Email your contributions to: btowncoordinator@charter.net.

Deadline no later than 6pm on the 4th Wednesday each month.

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

Comments and corrections are welcome.

Our newsletter is also available ON-LINE at: www.stfrancisbtown.org/KofC.html

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FREE advertising in our newsletter for Council 10698 members and businesses that support our council!

Do you have an invitation, something to sell or a business to advertise?

All you need to do is email your information to btowncoordinator@charter.net.

FOR SALE:

- Roller Blades, men's size 9. \$25. Exc cond. Call Bill Bowen, 323-7080
- Snow Skis: Atomic AC3 System 70, 195cm, Tyrolia 'Carve' step-in bindings. \$50. Exc cond. Call Bill 323-7080.



John M. Peters, Jr.

Council 10698's insurance field agent.

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Contact John about how you can take advantage of programs available **ONLY** to members of The Knights of Columbus.

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SPECIAL ORDERS WELCOME.



Knights of Columbus

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL, No. 10698

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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 July 18th the Council will be hosting our fifth 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 June 30th.

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,
PGK Robert Krafchuk,
Chair, Golf Tournament Committee
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