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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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JULY 2015 NEWSLETTER



Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

~ What is the Knights of Columbus all about? ~

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

- ❖ Support our Catholic way of life through prayer and devotion.
- ❖ Assist members and their families in time of need.
- ❖ Support and participate in the 'Right to Life' Anti-Abortion programs and demonstrations for the unborn.
- ❖ Sponsor seminarians through the KofC RSVP program.
- ❖ Donate funds to provide services and equipment to the physically challenged.
- ❖ Participate as a group in civic ceremonies and activities.
- ❖ 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.
- ❖ We just have fun with our friends and families.

K of C COUNCIL 10698's JULY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Don't drink and drive!!</i>			1	2	3 (Fed holiday) Independence Day	4 Independence Day
5	6	7 Council 10698 officer meeting 6:30p	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p	15	16	17	18 Council 10698 5th Annual Golf Tournament
19	20	21	22	23 Concert on the Common 7p	24	25
26	27	28 Council 10698 Meeting 7p	29	30 Concert on the Common 7p	31	

2015-2016 Officers of Knights of Columbus Council 10698

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone #</i>	<i>Email address</i>
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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

JULY 2015 Newsletter

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

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Dear brother Knights,

I am so very proud to have been elected to serve you as Grand Knight for 2015/16. I have some very large shoes to fill from our excellent Past Grand Knights. I sincerely hope I will do as good a job for you and our council, parish and community as they did.

A little about myself: I moved to Belchertown in 1978 and have happily made it my home. I am married to my best friend Debby and we recently celebrated our 44th anniversary. We have three children and 7 grand children and I am an extremely proud Papa. I will gladly show you my pictures if you ask.

My professional background includes: avionics system maintenance for the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Dept. of Defense and the corporate aerospace industry. I served for nine years as a training management coordinator for two large international corporations. I retired from the 'professional' work-place in 2005.

I served as Commander of the Belchertown American Legion Post 239 for four years and as its financial officer for nine years. I currently serve our community on Belchertown's Veterans Services Advisory Board and the Belchertown Memorial Committee.

I am a Knight of the Fourth Degree in the Archbishop Williams Assembly. I have served twice each as Council 10698's Warden, Chancellor and Deputy Grand Knight. I am currently the editor of your monthly council newsletter.

My devotions are to my family, my church, my community and my country. As your Grand Knight I promise to devote myself to serve and keep the promises of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism of our order. I hope you will join me to strive in keeping these promises and continue to work together for the benefit of our council, church and community.

I hope every member will be able to join together to welcome the slate of officers elected to serve as the anchor of our council at our officer installation ceremony on Sunday, August 16th at St. Francis after the 10:30a Mass.

After the ceremony let's have a party!! I invite every member and their families (especially grandchildren) to our annual family picnic from 2p-6p at the Ware K of C Council 183 facility on Rt. 9. Let's have some fun to start our new year and rejoice in our past achievements! Everyone deserves it for all the hard work we have done in the past.

I am very interested in learning every member's view on how we may improve and suggestions on what you would like to do or see changed. Is there anything that would make you more involved with our activities? Please feel free to contact me at any time by calling me at home 413-323-7080 / cell 413-687-7962 or by email btowncoordinator@charter.net.

Thank you again for the honor to serve you as Grand Knight,
Bill Bowen

Please Remember in your Prayers ~

- † For repose of the soul of Sally Dodge.
- † For repose of the souls of all deceased brothers of the Knights of Columbus.
- † 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 Past Grand Knight Charles Lydon Jr. for his dedicated year of service to our council.
- To all brother Knights that come to our meetings and help with our activities that make our council stronger.

~ A Call to Serve ~

- **HELPERS NEEDED** to help set-up and sell at our snack concession at the Belchertown Concerts on the common on July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 16. To help contact Norm Gousy323-7959.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to act as chef to provide the dinner for the first meeting of each month. Please see the Grand Knight to step up and help your council.
- **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.



Outgoing Grand Knight Chuck Lydon presents the Council 10698 gavel to incoming 2015-16 Grand Knight Bill Bowen at an informal gathering of council officers on Tuesday, June 23rd.

The formal installation of officers will be held at 12 noon on Sunday, August 16th at St. Francis of Assisi.

~~ Your invitation ~~



DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN OUR COUNCIL HAD FUN AT OUR ANNUAL FAMILY PICNICS?

Let's start having them again for you and your family, including grandchildren.

We will have games for all ages, hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soda. This will be a 'pot luck' so everyone is asked to bring their favorite side-dish or dessert to share. Cash Bar.

Sunday, August 16th 2-6pm at the K of C Council 183 pavilion on Route 9 in Ware, MA.

Please RSVP by August 11th with the # of adults and children attending to:

btowncoordinator@charter.net or phone 413-323-7080

~ 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 June meetings were:

June 9 ~ Zach Larose-not present

June 23 ~ no quorum/no meeting



~ Concerts on the Common ~

Our council will again provide a snack concession for the Belchertown Concerts on the Common at 7p on Thursdays; July 23, 30, August 6, 13 and Sunday August 16 at 2p.

Help is needed with set-up, teardown and with sales. A minimum of two people are needed to ensure the endeavor is successful. Please let the event coordinator- Norm Gousy or Terry Carney know you can help.

~~~ MISSING ~~~

Council equipment has been borrowed from our council inventory and has not been returned.

In some cases items were not signed out so we do not know who has them.

If you borrowed any council equipment, even if you signed it out, please return it to the council hall at your earliest opportunity so we may do an inventory and update our equipment list.

It is essential we get these items back to support our functions, the concession for Belchertown

Concerts on the Common and especially for our booth at the Town Fair.

We appreciate your help in this matter.



Knights of Columbus Council 10698 5th Annual Golf Tournament

Proceeds benefit Council 10698 High School Scholarship Fund.

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"!

*Try your luck at Closest to the Pin contest,
There will be many door & raffle Prizes,
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 information, contact:
PGK Rob Krafchuk, 413-244-3682
PGK Chuck Lydon, 413-364-4854
Ray Fontaine, 323-9308**

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. **SEE LAST PAGE**

~ 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.

DATE:	EVENT / ACTIVITY:
Sat. July 4 th	INDEPENDENCE DAY. Federal holiday = Fri. July 3
Tue. July 7	Council officers meeting 6:30p at the council hall. All members welcome.
Sat., July 18	K of C Council 10698 5th Annual Golf Tournament, Cold Springs Country Club.
Thu. July 23, 30, Aug 6, 13	Concerts on the Common. Help is needed to set-up, sell and take down our concession stand.
Wed. July 29, 6p	Contribution deadline to August newsletter
Sun. Aug 16:	
12 noon	K of C Council 10698 Installation of 2015-16 officers, St. Francis of Assisi church, 12 noon (following 10:30am Mass)
2-6pm	K of C Council 10698 Family Picnic, at KofC Council 183, Ware, MA. Hamburgers & Hotdogs, chips, soda. Cash bar. Pot Luck , bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Games for all ages!
2p	Concert on the Common concession will be run by the Cub Scouts Pack 507 with the assistance from our council.
Wed. Aug 26, 6p	Contribution deadline to September newsletter
Sat. Aug 29	St. Francis Tag Sale on B'town Common. Helpers will be needed prior to the event to transport and clean up.
Sat. Sept 5	Red Cross Blood Drive. 10a-3p in the Pine Room. Helpers needed for sign-in and sign-out.
Mon. Sept 7	Labor Day
Sept 16-20	Belchertown Fair. Please plan on working in our booth. This is our major money-maker and many hands are needed to make it a success.
Wed. Sept 23, 6p	Contribution deadline to October newsletter

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 Bowen, 323-7080.



John M. Peters, Jr.
Council 10698's insurance field agent.
John's contact information:

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Contact John about how you can take advantage of programs
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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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An old man was sitting on his porch watching the rain fall. Pretty soon the water was coming over the porch and into the house.

The old man was still sitting there when a rescue boat came and the people on board said, "You can't stay here you have to come with us."

The old man replied, "No, God will save me." So the boat left. A little while later the water was up to the second floor, and another rescue boat came, and again told the old man he had to come with them.

The old man again replied, "God will save me." So the boat left him again.

An hour later the water was up to the roof and a third rescue boat approached the old man, and tried to get him to come with them.

Again the old man refused to leave stating that, "God will save me." So the boat left him again.

Soon after, the man drowns and goes to heaven, and when he sees God he asks him, "Why didn't you save me?"

God replied, "I tried! I sent three boats!!"

The moral to this story.....Don't miss the boat!



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*

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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