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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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AUGUST 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 of 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 **AUGUST 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 Concert on the Common 7p	7	8
9	10	11 Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p	12	13 Concert on the Common 7p	14	15
16 Officer Installation Ceremony & Family Picnic	17	18	19	20	21	22 St. Francis Tag Sale
23	24	25 Council 10698 Meeting 7p	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Dear brother Knights,

Does the word "CHARITY" mean giving only a monetary contribution to you? It shouldn't. Instead CHARITY should include giving your time and talents.

As you are aware our order and council asks very little of its members. As Knights we have all sworn by our First Degree oath to make CHARITY the foundation of our order. Ask yourself, how often do we, no **must** we, seek volunteers to help in our functions because of the assumption the same members will carry the burden over and over again. Imagine how well you would benefit from the feeling you have given of yourself to help our community or your council.

How hard would it be for you? Have you considered that you could: Come forward when you attend Mass to act as an usher; Stand with your brothers for a membership drive; Give a couple of hours helping at our concerts-on-the-common concession booth; Work a couple of hours checking donors in/out at our blood drive; Help with one of our youth activities; Work a few hours at our Town Fair food booth; Push an old soldier in a wheelchair at the Holyoke Soldiers Home from the elevator to the chapel so he could share special time with God on a Sunday; Come to a dinner meeting once in a while to share a meal; Just be there for someone in need of a shoulder or an ear. Check out the "Call to Serve" section in this newsletter for ways you may give to others that need you. Many hands make it easier for everyone and make us stronger. Those of you that have made your Second Degree know what I mean.

Our installation of 2015-16 officers ceremony will take place at St. Francis of Assisi at 12 noon on Sunday, August 16th after the 10:30a Mass. Afterwards all members and their families (including grandchildren) are invited to our annual family picnic 2p-6p at the KofC Council 183 pavilion on Rt. 9 in Ware. I sincerely hope all will join us for both events.

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. If there's anything that would make you more involved with our activities please feel free to bring it to my attention at a meeting or contact me at any time by calling me at home 413-323-7080 / cell 413-687-7962 or by email btowncoordinator@charter.net. I'll do whatever I can to help you.

May the Peace of Christ be with you and your loved ones,
Grand Knight, Bill Bowen

Please Remember in your Prayers ~

- † For repose of the souls of all deceased brothers of the Knights of Columbus.
- † For improved health and comfort for; Marcel and Jeanne Archambault, Tom Curto, Charles Lydon Sr., Elaine Lydon, Robert Hawley, Thomas Bowen, Ivan LeBrun, Ray Fontaine Sr., Chelsea Rose Phanuef, Al Roccanti, Michael DaCosta, Barbara Hume, Mary Rose Hurley, Noah Jubb, Robert Hayes Lili Wallace, John Hawley's son.
- † 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 & 'Hats Off' ~

- To all council members that stepped up to serve as a chair or director of a numerous council programs. Without your dedication we could not operate.
- To our council's First Degree installation team for performing the ceremony at our July 28th meeting. We are so lucky to have such dedicated men that volunteer to serve our council.
- To all brother Knights that come to our meetings and help with our activities to make our council, church and community stronger.



Please welcome our newest Knights of Columbus Council 10698 members into the First Degree Kevin Bowen, Timothy Haley II and Stephen Corbin.

~ A Call to Serve ~

- **HELPERS NEEDED** to help set-up/take-down and sell at our snack concession at the Belchertown Concerts on the Common on Thursdays, August 6 & 13. To help contact Norm Gousy 323-7959.
- **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** to help with the parish tag sale, especially to move items to the common.
- **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 St. Francis of Assisi weekend Masses. Please let Deacon Bill know prior to the beginning of services in the gathering space if you can help.

~ A Good time at our Golf Tournament ~

I would like to thank my wife Trisha Krafchuk for her dedication and passion for helping me run this successful event. I couldn't of done it without her and all of you as well PGK Chuck Lydon, Pat Nee, Michele Goshen, PGK Fred LeBlanc and his wife Lisa, Lynn Carney, Bob and Louise Christ, Gil Decosta and (our printing king) Ray Fontaine, as well as Keith Terry and his son Calvin for manning the Hole in One with the new car and our State Advocate Paul Flanagan for playing in our tournament. Thank you all for a successful event again this year I can't wait to play another tournament soon. Please support our sponsors who donated to this event. There are more golf books at the hall. PGK Rob Krafchuk, Massachusetts Knights of Columbus, District III Deputy





This fund-raiser was a success even with the poor weather and the lower turnout. Our scholarship fund will benefit greatly from the profits we realized. Thank you to all that played, donated or helped in any way to make the day so much fun. Oh, no one won the car. Maybe next year.

~~ Your invitation ~~



Do you remember when our council had fun at our annual family picnics?

Let's have fun 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 at member rates.

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

Please RSVP by August 7th with the # of adults and children attending to:

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

~ Concerts on the Common ~



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

Help is needed at 6p with set-up, tear-down and with sales. A minimum of two people are needed to ensure the endeavor is successful. Please let the event coordinators- Norm Gousy, 323-7959 or Terry Carney, 323-5537 know if you can help.

In the event of rain the concert will be held at the BHS Veterans Memorial Auditorium, NO concession.

~~~ 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.

~ 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:
Thu. Aug 6 & 13	Concerts on the Common. Help is needed to set-up, sell and take down our concession stand.
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 Norm Gousy of our council.
Sat. Aug 22	St. Francis Tag Sale on the B'town Common. Helpers will be needed prior to the event and to transport and clean up.
Wed. Aug 26, 6p	Contribution deadline to September Council 10698 newsletter
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 Council 10698 newsletter
Sun Sept 27	Council Fun Day! Orioles vs. Red Sox Baseball game at Fenway Park. Game start 1:35p.
Wed. Oct 7	Council 10698 officers meeting. 2 nd quarter
Sat. Oct 10	Regional Soccer Challenge
Sat, Sun Oct 10/11	Membership drive at St. Francis weekend Masses.
Wed. Oct 21, 7p	Living Rosary, St. Francis church.
Wed. Oct 28, 6p	Contribution deadline to November Council 10698 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.

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Email your contributions to: btowncoordinator@charter.net.

Deadline to submit 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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A Sunday School teacher decided to have her 2nd grade class memorize Psalm 23, one of the most quoted passages in the Bible. She gave the children a month to learn the chapter.

One little boy named Tommy was very excited about the task, but he just couldn't memorize the Psalm. Although he practiced and practiced very hard every day, Tommy could hardly get past the first line. The day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation. The little boy was nervous. When his turn came, Tommy stepped up to the microphone, slowly looked at every face in the church and proudly said, "The Lord is my Shepherd and that's all I need to know!"