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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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SEPTEMBER 2015 NEWSLETTER



Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

~ What are 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 St. Francis of Assisi parish.
- ❖ 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 speak 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 **SEPTEMBER 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Texting while driving is stupid. <i>Don't be stupid!!</i>		1	2	3	4	5 Blood Drive Pine Room 10a-3p
	6	7 Labor Day	8 Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p	9	10	11
13	14 Council Soccer Challenge	15	16 <u>Council fair booth set-up</u>	17 Fair food prep	18 Belchertown Fair	19 Belchertown Fair
20 Belchertown Fair	21	22 Council 10698 Meeting 7p	23	24	25 District Soccer Challenge	26
27	28	29	30	Give the gift of life, Give Blood on Saturday, Sept 5, 10a-3p in the Social Ctr Pine Room		

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SEPTEMBER 2015

Newsletter

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

~ Chaplain's Message ~

September brings the start of another parish year of activities and a good time to commit ourselves to becoming "involved." Our Council and parish are very active and provide a host of learning and social activities for our members. Unfortunately these things just don't happen on their own; they need "involved volunteers." There is a very strong and generous core of our membership which is very generous in "stepping up to the plate" when help is requested. As this year begins, consider joining this core and help to make things happen. Remember, you always get more out of it than you put into it! That is the way God works.

Fr. Vern, Chaplain

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Dear brother Knights,

September! Summer is over. Cool nights and warm days. My favorite time of the year!

At this time of the year so much is happening; our Blood Drive, the youth soccer challenge and especially our Belchertown Fair.

This is the time we need members to find a way to step up to volunteer a few hours to help in any way they can. Charity does not mean just monetary donations. Time and talent is far more valuable gift to give.

In the next few weeks our council's fair committee will be seeking helpers so the same few members won't have to carry the burden. I ask each of you to check out the "Belchertown Fair" section of this newsletter to see where we are asking for more "oars in the water". Please look the list over and decide how you may give a few hours of your time to help.

I remain interested in learning every member's view on how we may improve our council and ask for your 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

Let Us Remember in our Prayers ~

- † For repose of the souls of Michael Czech and Ray Fontaine Sr. and Maureen (Delaney) Hardister
- † For repose of the soul of all deceased brothers of the Knights of Columbus.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Your eternal light shine upon them.
- † For improved health and comfort for; Terry Carney, Marcel and Jeanne Archambault, Tom Curto, Charles Lydon Sr., Elaine Lydon, Robert Hawley, Thomas Bowen, Ivan LeBrun, Chelsea Rose Phanuef, Al Roccanti, Michael DaCosta, Barbara Hume, Mary Rose Hurley, Noah Jubb, Robert Hayes, Lili Wallace.
- † 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 PGK Chuck Lydon for coordinating our installation of officers ceremony.
- To FS Norm Gousy for his dedication and work at our Concerts on Common concession.
- To DD/DGK LeBrun and DD/PGK Krafchuk for chairing our fair committee.
- To all brother Knights that come to our meetings and help with our activities to make our council, church and community stronger.

~ A Call to Serve ~

- **HELPERS NEEDED** to help with sign-in/sign-out at our Blood Drive in the Pine Room, Sat. Sept 5, 10a-3p.
- **HELPERS NEEDED** at our council's youth Soccer Challenge at the Swift River school soccer field, Mon. Sept 14th, 5:30p-7:30p and the district soccer challenge on Sept. 25.
- **HELPERS ARE REALLY NEEDED** to help set-up/take-down and sell at our booth at the Belchertown Fair from Wed. Sept 16 thru Sun. Sept 20.
- **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 impress 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 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.

District III Deputy Rob Krafchuk (far L) stands with our new 2nd Degree members after their ceremony of Unity on August 25th held at Council 4044:
(L-R) Stephen Corbin, Tim Halley and Kevin Bowen



**Our Installation of St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698
2015/16 Officers for was held on Sunday, August 16**



**Grand Knight
William Bowen and his
wife Debby**



**Deputy Grand Knight
Wil LeBrun and his wife
Ann**



The new Grand Knight's first address



Treasurer Bob Christ accepts his 5-year term of office



The new Grand Knight shakes hands with
The Holy Spirit



A well-deserved bouquet To Louise Christ for all she
does for our council.



(L-R) Chancellor Gil DaCosta, Treasurer Bob Christ
and 1-yr Trustee Ray Fontaine



(L-R) Outside Guard Stephen Wittbrodt, Inside Guard
Stan Antonovich, Advocate Paul Vanasse,
PGK Chuck Lydon Jr.

At the family gathering following the
installation ceremony some didn't have a
problem following the new Grand
Knight's first decree,
"Let's Have Fun!"



~ SPECIAL THANKS ~

From F.S. Norm Gousy;

Thanks to all the Knights and their families who made this year's Concerts on the Commons a success. We worked four of the five concerts. A special thanks to the kids who really ran the booth while the adults enjoyed the event. This year's endeavor was a success.

Hat's off to: PGK Chuck Lydon and his children, Quinn, Shea and Finn, Jacque Benoit, Brian O'Leary, Tom Curto, Richard Poissant, GK Bill Bowen, his wife Debby and his grand-daughter Livi, Norm Gousy and his daughter, Bob Christ, DGK Wil Lebrun, Pat Hegarty and his daughter, Keith Terry and his son and anyone else who was there when I was on vacation.

Thanks so much for your help.

Special thanks to Norm Gousy for the outstanding job coordinating our snack concession at the Belchertown Concerts on the Common.



**American
Red Cross**

Our annual Blood Drive will be held in the St, Francis Social Center Pine Room on Saturday, Sept 5, 10a-3p.

Consider giving a pint and/or a gift of your time by helping with donor sign-in/sign-out.

Refreshments and lunch provided.



K of C Council 10698 will be having a food concession booth and a parking lot at this year's Belchertown Fair.

Help is badly needed to ensure our biggest fund-raiser is successful.

"The more strands the stronger the rope"

We will be contacting all council members in the next few weeks to ask you to help. Please consider how you may help your council for an hour or two at the booth or with parking.

Work Schedule:

Wednesday, Sept 16 -Booth set-up. Pick-ups/trailers needed.

Thursday, Sept 17 afternoon -food prep, council hall

Booth open:

Friday, Sept 18-noon to 10p

Saturday, Sept 19-8a to 10p

Sunday, Sept 20-10a to 6p

Sunday >6p, booth tear-down, Pick-ups/trailers needed.

All members and their families are invited to march in the Fair Parade on Saturday, Sept 19.

Gather at our council hall at 9am.

"Bee" special! Costumes welcome. Proper attire for Knights.

For more info contact GK Bill Bowen 413-687-7962

Wil LeBrun, 213-0088 or

Rob Krafchuk, 413-244-3682

~~~ **PLEASE** ~~~

If you borrowed any council equipment, even if you signed it out,
please return it to the council hall at your earliest opportunity.
It is essential we get these items back to support our booth at the Town Fair.
We appreciate your help in this matter.

~ *K of C Council 10698's 2-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>
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
Mon. Sept 14	Soccer Challenge. Swift River soccer field.
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. 16	Booth set-up on the common. Pickup trucks needed.
Thu. 17	Food prep at our council hall.
Fri. 18	Fair booth opens for business 2p.
Sat. 19	Belchertown Fair breakfast 8a and booth open for business. Belchertown Fair Parade. Be at the Town Hall at 9:30a.
Sun. 20	Fair booth open 10a. Tear-down > 6p. Pickup trucks needed
Sept 25	District Soccer Challenge
Wed. Sept 23, 6p	Contribution deadline to October Council 10698 newsletter
Wed. Oct 7, 7p	Living Rosary , St. Francis church.
Thu. Oct 8, 6:30p	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. Members are asked to be available after each Mass in the Tovet Room to meet & greet the interested.
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.

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- Snow Skis: Atomic AC3 System 70, 195cm, Tyrolia 'Carve' step-in bindings. Exc cond. Best offer. Call Bill Bowen, 323-7080.



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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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This is a story about four people of the Body family named Every, Some, Any and No. The family had a very important job that had to be done.

Every Body was sure that Some Body would do it.

Some Body got angry about this, because it was Every Body's job.

Every Body thought Any Body could do it.

Any Body could have done it, but didn't care if No Body did it.

No Body realized that Every Body could do it but didn't.

It ended up that Every Body blamed Some Body when Any Body could have done it but No Body did nothing!