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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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OCTOBER 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 OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 Living Rosary	8 Council 10698 2 nd Qtr Officers meeting	9	10 Appreciation Party +++++ 40 Days of Life +++++ Membership Drive +++++ Regional Soccer Challenge
11 Membership Drive	12 Columbus Day	13 Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 Council 10698 Meeting 7p	28	29	30	31 Halloween

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

~ Chaplain's Message ~

Dear Brother Knights;

First of all, I offer word of congratulations on a most successful Fair Weekend. How good it was that so many came together and enjoyed the comradery of one another working for the good of our Council. The Lord indeed has blessed your efforts. Secondly, I invite you to join with your brother Knights and the parish in kicking off this month of October, the month of the Rosary, with a Living Rosary on Wednesday evening, October 7th on the church grounds. We are working to strongly promote the recitation of the Rosary among all our parishioners and your participation in this event will give a great witness to the power of the Rosary to all; please bring the young children with you.

God Bless, Fr. Vern, Chaplain

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Dear brother Knights;

What an active September we have just experienced! What a great group of people that helped make it successful! I know you'll agree our council knows how to get things done. I hope all that helped with the fair will come to the Workers Appreciation party on Saturday, October 10 at 5:30pm. Each fair worker has a chance to win a \$100 gift card to McCarthy's Pub.

October is a month of reflection. We will hold a Living Rosary on Wednesday, October 7th at 7pm at St. Francis. It is planned to be outdoors in front of the prayer candle chapel but will be moved inside the church in case of poor weather. This is a very meaningful event and I hope that you will all find the time to join together. Bring a lawn chair and dress warm.

October is also our time of growth. We will have our membership drive at the October 10th & 11th Masses at St. Francis. If you can spend some time after Mass please join me in the Tovet Room to meet & greet potential members. We have many men of the parish that are interested in learning about what the Knights of Columbus offers for them and their families.

Remember, 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

~ Deputy Grand Knights Corner ~

"I can do things you cannot; You can do things I cannot; Together we can do great things."~ Mother Teresa

Brother Knights and family members;

During the past several weeks I have had the task of assisting with the coordination of the Belchertown Fair K of C event. It was an honor and pleasure fulfilling this task. I would like to show my gratitude to those who helped make this event successful by inviting all who supported the Knights to a celebration on Saturday, October 10th. The council fair committee officers and I would like to show our gratitude on this "Appreciation Night". I ask each of you members who helped, along with your family members, to join us in celebration.

Will LeBrun, Deputy Grand Knight

~ A Message from our District Deputy ~

I will like to thank everyone who came out and gave a helping hand at our Belchertown Knights of Columbus council's food booth this year. It's always nice to see brothers, wives and kids coming together for our biggest event each year working together volunteering for a great cause. It couldn't be as successful as we were without you all helping me as the chairman of this event. It's a lot of work and hours so I am very thankful of you all that had part of this event and would love to see you make the fair appreciation dinner we have planned for all helpers October 10th. Please RSVP to me to my email rkrafchuk@aol.com, text/call 413-244-3682 so we can prepare.

Thank you to my wife Trisha. As my partner in this event who took a vacation time from work for the preparation for the fair, counting money, cleaning the hall, working the booth. Whatever's needed, she's there for me. I really appreciate the support from my wife as well as to the big helpers behind the scenes people may not know; PGK AL Benoit, PGK District Warden Terry Carney, Bob Christ, GK Bill Bowen, Jacque Benoit, Ray Fontaine, PGK Chuck Lydon, his wife Hannah and his sons Cuinn, Shea and Fionn, Tom Curto, and of course my Co chair brother who did so much to make us successful DGK Will LeBrun. I hope I didn't miss anyone.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

PGK Rob Krafchuk

Knights of Columbus

Massachusetts District Deputy #3

413-244-3682

Let Us Remember in our Prayers ~

- † 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, Teresa Terzi, Ivan LeBrun, 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 & 'Hats Off' ~

- To all that helped during the Belchertown Fair, especially DD/PGK Rob Krafchuk and DGK Wil LeBrun.
- To those that helped with our Blood Drive on Sept. 5; Bob Christ, Wil LeBrun, Steve Corbin, Stan Antonovich, Brian O'Leary, Steve Wittbrodt, Ray Fontaine, Debby Bowen.
- To PGK Rich Poissant and all that helped with our very successful Soccer Challenge.
- 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 ~

- **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.

40 Days for Life

St. Francis of Assisi parish will be taking part in the 40 Days for Life Vigil in the Springfield area. Our parish date for the vigil is October 5th and we'll be standing out in front of Planned Parenthood in Springfield, on the corner of Wason Ave and Main Street, from 8AM to 5PM. Please consider taking at least one hour to stand up for the most basic right of any human being. There will be a sign up sheet in the gathering space of the church after the masses. Directions to Planned Parenthood are available. Feel free to contact Norm Gousy (323-7959) if you need any information. If you cannot make it to Springfield please keep the unborn in your prayers.

From Our Supreme Knight

Dear Brother Knights,

Congress is set to vote in the coming days on three important pro-life measures. In the House, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act (H.R. 3134) would put a one-year moratorium on funding for the organization unless it agrees to abandon its abortion practice. Also in the House, the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (H.R. 3504) provides federal criminal and civil penalties for failing to provide care to an infant who has survived an abortion attempt. Next week, the Senate is expected to take up the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act (S. 1553), which bans abortions after 20 weeks of gestation, the point at which experts agree that the unborn feel pain. Please contact your elected representatives in support of these measures.

[Click here to take action on the Defund Planned Parenthood Act \(H.R. 3134\)](#)

[Click here to take action on the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act \(H.R. 3504\)](#)

[Click here to take action on the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act \(S. 1553\)](#)

At the heart of these three pieces of legislation is recognition of the dignity of the unborn child. In the past several weeks, through the release of several [undercover videos](#), the United States has received a distinct call to reexamine its conscience regarding abortion, which claims the lives of over a million unborn children every year in this country.

As you may know, most of the videos show or explain some aspect of the harvesting of organs for monetary compensation, including the grisly details of how these organs are extracted from recently aborted babies, many of them late-term.

Congress has held two hearings, one in the House [Judiciary Committee](#), and one in the [Energy and Commerce Committee](#), investigating the practices of Planned Parenthood and shining a light on this disregard for human life.

I was moved recently to see [this video interview](#) of Utah Congresswoman Mia Love discussing the Planned Parenthood videos: "Here we are in the United States of America, and our job is to protect life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness—first and foremost life," she said.

There simply is no good reason for taxpayers to fund Planned Parenthood or any organization that performs abortions.

Thank you for all you do in support of the dignity of human life.

Vivat Jesus!

Carl A. Anderson

Supreme Knight

~ Soccer Challenge ~

Thank you to everyone that helped out at the soccer challenge this year and also to everyone that helped get the word out to make this event a success. We had a great turn out and the following people won their age division and will be moving onto the Western Region Soccer Challenge on Saturday October 10th. The event will be at 9:00am at the Ludlow Community Club Center Randall Boys & Girls Club at 91 Claudia Way, Ludlow. A big thank you to everyone that helped; Will, Pat, Ray, Steve, Kevin, Tim, Norm, Terry, Pat H, Bob, Bill, Rob and the many kids. If anyone has any questions please feel free to call me at 413-687-7902~ Youth Director PGK Rich Poissant



List of winners that will move up to the regional challenge:

Girls age 9 -Olivia Corbin

Boys age 9 -Jacob Argoustakis

Girls age 10 -Bridget Heagerty

Boys age 10 -Kianoa David

Boys age 11 -Logan Lacroix

Boys age 12 -Nathan Schiffer

Boys age 14 -Aidan Nee



~ Our 2015 Belchertown Fair ~



~ K of C Council 10698's Extended Activity Agenda ~

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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

DATE/TIME:	EVENT / ACTIVITY:
Wed. Oct 7, 7p	LIVING ROSARY, St. Francis church.
Thu. Oct 8, 6:30p	Council 10698 2 nd quarter OFFICERS MEETING .
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 interested.
Sat. Oct 10	8a-5p. 40 DAYS OF LIFE at Planned Parenthood, Spfld, MA
Sat. Oct 10	REGIONAL SOCCER CHALLENGE. Ludlow, MA
Wed. Oct 28, 6p	Contribution <i>deadline</i> to November Council 10698 newsletter
Tue. Nov 10	COUNCIL FAMILY'S THANKSGIVING FEAST . Courtesy of DGK LeBrun
Wed. Nov 11	VETERANS DAY
Wed, Nov 25, 6p	Contribution <i>deadline</i> to December Council 10698 newsletter
Thu. Nov 26	THANKSGIVING
Sat. Dec 5	Deck the council hall for Christmas
Fri. Dec 25	CHRISTMAS

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The Belchertown Knights of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698 expresses our sincere thanks to these local businesses for their support of our Belchertown Fair booth. We urge everyone to shop at these businesses to show our gratitude for their contributions:

McCarthy's Pub, Belchertown, MA
 Stop & Shop Supermarket, Belchertown, MA
 Cluett's Appliances, Ware, MA
 Arnold's Meats, Springfield, MA
 Osterman Propane, Amherst, MA

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Email your contributions to: btowncoordinator@charter.net.

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

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 Comments and corrections are welcome.*

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Three seniors are out for a stroll.

One of them remarks, "It's windy."

Another replies, "No way. It's Thursday."

The last one says, "Me too. Let's have a beer."