



St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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your family & friends*

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

- The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, in New Haven, CT.
- It is a strong supporter of the Catholic Church, both in deeds and financially, from the parish level to the Vatican.
- Is a strong defender of the Culture of Life against abortion and assisted suicide.
- It has an international membership of over 1.8 million devoted Catholic men.
- It is a family oriented fraternal organization based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism open to all practicing Catholic men eighteen years older.
- Its benefits, services, insurance and programs are available to every member in good standing and their family.
- The members of Knights of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698 devote themselves to their parish, their community, their families, their fellow members and their families.

K of C COUNCIL 10698's **JANUARY, 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Happy New Year						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p				Family Game Night Spfld T'birds Hockey game
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Basketball Free Throw					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		Council 10698 Meeting 7p	Newsletter deadline			
29	30	31	Drive carefully and responsibly!			

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 10698 January 2016 Newsletter

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

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Brother Knights and Families,

It was a wonderful December! Many events and successful activities made this month special for many in the order and parish. This was the first breakfast with our parish priest, Fr. Jack, and even though the weather was inclement. It did not put a damper on the festivities. I would like to thank all the brothers who made that morning a success.

In closing out the 2016 year, the council hosted the Fourth Degree Archbishop Williams assembly in style with a great meal and special door prizes. The attendance for this meeting was more than expected with 9 members just from our council.

If you missed recent events or meeting, we ask that you consider attending one soon. The next several months will be active with activities such as the "Basketball Free Throw", Beer and Wine Tasting, and St. Patrick's Day meal. Stay tuned for these future dates, 2017 is going to be a great year!

May the Lord bless you all with good health and peace of heart throughout the coming New Year.

Fraternally yours,
Will LeBrun, Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus

~ Your Prayers are requested ~

- † For repose of the souls of Fr. Vernon Decoteau, Fr. Francis Sullivan, Rose McAuliffe, Alfred Slaney and the souls of unborn children lost from abortion and all those killed by violence or acts of terror.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Your perpetual light shine upon them.
May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen
- † For healing and comfort for; PGK Terry Carney, PGK Tom Grady, Ivan LeBrun, Wayne Griffin, Barb Hume, Vic Tetreault, Thomas Bowen, Armand Como. Kelly Wilson, Noah Jubb.
- † For all those suffering in solitude in need of the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- † For all to learn and practice our lord Jesus Christ's *Compassion, Understanding and Patience*.
- † For the comfort, safety and well-being of all that protect our safety and freedoms by serving in our military, police, fire fighters, and EMTs.

~ A Call to Serve ~

- **HELPERS NEEDED every Sunday** at the Holyoke Soldiers Home to assist residents in wheelchairs attend church services. Helpers will assist residents between the elevator and the chapel before and after services. Volunteers must check in with the receptionist at 9:15am.
- **Help needed for the Basketball Free Throw on Jan. 16th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am** at the **Chestnut Hill Middle School gym**. This is a wonderful event to donate your time of a few hours for a great cause and experience.

~ *Hats Off & Thank You to:*

- 👍 PGK Rob Krafchuk, PGK Chuck, Lydon, PGK Mike Griffin, Chancellor Stephen Corbin for their contribution to the successful Breakfast with Fr. Jack
- 👍 Brothers Paul Vanasse, Don Cumo, Mike Griffin, Vic Tetreault, Bob Christ, Stan Antonovich, Tony Ricchiazzi, and spouses Diane Ricchiazzi and Deb Bowen for their help during and after the Community Option Luncheon.
- 👍 Brothers Paul Vanasse, Stan Antonovich, Tony Ricchiazzi and Mike Griffin for set-up, food prep, raffles and clean-up of the Fourth Degree dinner.
- 👍 PGK Richard Poissant and wife, Sarah for hosting our wonderful annual Council Christmas Party at their home.
- 👍 To Warden Jeff Pronovost for his work in the council hall.



Family Game Night!

Saturday, January 14th, 7pm.

Have fun with your friends & family at Council 10698's family activity night at the Mass Mutual Center to watch the visiting Providence Bruins take on the Springfield Thunderbirds.

Tickets are \$12 per person for designated seating in lower section 2.

Free parking in the Mass Mutual parking garage.

Tickets available until Jan 10 at Council 10698 meetings or contact PGK Bill Bowen at 323-7080, email: btowncoordinator@charter.net

~ *K of C Council 10698's Activity 3 MONTH Agenda* ~

Mark your calendars!

Council meetings (every month): **2nd Tuesday**- Dinner 6p, meeting 7p. **4th Tuesday**, meeting 7p

<i>DATE/TIME:</i>	<i>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</i>
Sat. Jan 14, 7p	FAMILY HOCKEY NIGHT Providence Bruins Vs Springfield Thunderbirds
Mon. Jan 16	BASKETBALL FREE-THROW. CHMS GYM.
Sun. Feb 26, 3-6p	6TH ANNUAL BEER & WINE TASTING at The Villa Rose, Ludlow, MA
Wed. Mar 1	ASH WEDNESDAY
Sun. Mar 12	(tentative) Council's St. Patrick's Irish Dinner

~ Fr. Jack's Appreciation Breakfast ~

We had a great turn out despite the snow. About 56 brothers and their families came out for our 1st annual Christmas breakfast in honor of our council Chaplain Father Jack Sheaffer, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi parish, Belchertown, MA.

Big thank you to our cooks and helpers PGK Chuck Lydon and his sons, PGK Mike Griffin, and Chancellor Steve Corbin, Financial Secretary Norm Gousy, Trustee Tom Curto and the event coordinator PGK/DD Rob Krafchuk for helping make this such an enjoyable and successful event.



IMPORTANT!

~ Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity! ~

The time and effort you take to improve your community and parishes are what make the Knights of Columbus who we are. Don't let your hard work go unheard. Supreme needs this by 1/15/2017.

The council survey may [be found here](#) on-line Please complete and email your survey to Norm Gousy at ngousy@admin.umass.edu as soon as possible. You may also print this page, complete the form below and bring it to our January 10 meeting or mail it to:

F.S. Norm Gousy, 11 Jabish St., P.O. Box 1343, Belchertown, MA 01007

Your numbers will support and inspire the Knights of Columbus and your brother Knights' efforts in the year to come.

Thanks, Norm

IV. Council 10698 member 2016 FRATERNAL COMMITMENT:

Number of visits to the:

1. a. [Sick](#):

b. [Bereaved](#):

Total Visits:

2. [Number of Blood donors](#):

3. [Habitat for Humanity Projects](#):

Estimated hours of volunteer service:

4. a. [Church](#):

b. [Community](#):

c. [Youth](#):

d. [Habitat for Humanity](#):

e. [Culture of Life](#):

f. [VAVS](#):

g. [Food for Families](#):

h. [Special Olympics](#):

i. [Miscellaneous](#):

Total Volunteer Hours:

Estimated hours of fraternal service:

5. [Sick/disabled members and their families](#):

"Beer or Wine?
What's YOUR Contention?"



Knights of Columbus Council 10698
& The Village Package Store
Invite you to join us for

Our 6th annual

BEER & WINE TASTING

Sunday, February 26th

at The Villa Rose Restaurant, Ludlow, MA
Tasting 3p-5p, Raffles 5p-6p (cash bar)

Includes: Luncheon buffet & appetizers, 'Silent Auction' and a 50/50 raffle

only 100 tickets will be sold

Ticket price: \$25 pp

(must be over 21 years of age, proof req'd)

For tickets, to donate or information, contact:

The Village Package Store

16 Federal St., Belchertown, MA, phone 413.323.7096

Rob Krafchuk: 413-244-3682

Chuck Lydon: 413-364-4854

Ray Fontaine: 413-537-4086

Please support these businesses that help our council!

Men of St. Joseph

St. Francis of Assisi Chapter

"Put the family in the hands of the Father"

Parish Social Center/ Pine Room

Every Wednesday from 7:30-8:30

For additional information contact:

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McCarthy's Pub

5 E. Walnut St., Belchertown, MA 01007

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Open 11:00 AM - 11:30 PM

Look for them on Facebook.

Twitter: @McCarthysPubMA

Come to McCarthy's Pub and enjoy all the pleasures of delicious food, yummy libations, Western Massachusetts vibe and entertainment! This locally owned business, located adjacent to Belchertown Common, is within short miles of the idyllic Quabbin reservoir, the five college area and the MA turnpike. A stop at this shop is sure to please. Come on in for an excellent treat in a comfy and welcoming atmosphere.



Advertising in Council 10698's monthly newsletter is FREE to all members of K of C Council 10698 and for businesses that help Council 10698 in fund-raising efforts. Contact the editor if you would like to advertise your business/service.

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

Email your contributions to: btowncoordinator@charter.net.

Deadline to submit is 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.

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- St. Francis of Assisi website: www.stfrancisbtown.org,
- Click on "KofC Council #10698" link in the top section and clicking on the newsletter you would like to view

or

by going directly to <http://stfrancisbtown.org/KofC.html>.

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