



St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

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- 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 **MARCH, 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
			Ash Wednesday			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Council 10698 Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm			St. Patrick's Day	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Irish Dinner @ Villa Rose			NEWSLETTER DEADLINE			
26	27	28	29	30	31	April 1st
		Council 10698 Meeting 7pm				Blood mobile and Tootsie Roll Drive at Stop&Shop

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 10698

March 2017 Newsletter

“Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.”

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Brother Knights and Families,

February was an exceptional month for the council. Despite a couple of significant snowstorms, terrific activities continued with the council. Beginning of the month was a successful recruitment drive in bringing in several new members and with an Admission Ceremony by our First-Degree team that was bar none. Some of these new members from our parish had been thinking about joining, but were hesitant for a number of reasons. After some honest dialogue, we have new brothers in our council. Something to think about, “how many more men are in the parish that are in the same boat?”. We all need to help and bring new members to the Order.

An event in which many brothers participated was the Sunday Brunch Buffet for the discernment of Gabrielle Engel. Lead by chef and Brother Franco and the team of Bhavin Patel, Keith Terry, Kevin Kervick, soon to be new member George and with many spouses and family members helping to make the vocation commission activity a success for Gabrielle.

Our Beer and Wine tasting event on Feb. 26th will finalize the month in true Knighthood spirit. Thanks to all who will make this a great event.

The Lenten season will begin soon and during this I ask all Brothers and family members to bring into their lives the “Family Fully Alive” program sponsored by the Knights which provides monthly themes, reflections, meditations, projects, and Scripture verses designated to help each family place God and the Catholic faith at the center of its life. More information will be forthcoming or see me to begin this immediately, you can also visit the Supreme website kofc.org/domestic_church.

I'd like to also welcome into the KofC family our newest little addition, Warden Jeff Pronovost and wife, Marisa brought a bouncing baby girl, Violet Mae, into the world. May we wish them both, little Garrett and Violet Mae all the best.

Fraternally yours,

Will LeBrun, Grand Knight/DD

Vivat Jesus

~ Your Prayers are requested ~

- † For repose of the souls of: Fr. Vern Decoteau, Charles Lydon, Sr. and Joan Gay
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Your perpetual light shine upon them and 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, PGK Tom Barry, PGK Bill Bowen, Ivan LeBrun, Wayne Griffin, Barb Hume, Vic Tetreault, Thomas Bowen, Vis Tetreault, 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** on *every* Sunday to assist Holyoke Soldiers Home residents in wheelchairs between the elevator and the chapel. Volunteers are asked to check in with the receptionist at 9:15am.
- **HELPERS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE IRISH DINNER** BUYING/SELLING TICKETS. ALSO, DONATING TO THE RAFFLE PRIZES.
- **April 1st will be a Blood Mobile and Tootsie Roll drive at our local STOP & SHOP.** Approx. time is 9am to 3pm more information to follow, but helpers needed. Please mark your calendars.

~ *Hats Off & Thank You to:*

- 👍 To All brothers who made the weekend recruitment drive a success.
- 👍 To Brother Jeff Pronovost, Warden, for his commitment to maintain the hall and work on the second floor.
- 👍 To Richard Poissant, all Brother Knights and family members who participated in the annual Basketball Free Throw contest
- 👍 To Tom Curto for the excellent Shepard's pie dinner at our last council meeting.
- 👍 To Michelle and Norm Gousy, Terry and Ray Fontaine, and all the brother knights and family members who volunteer your time for the "Take and Eat" parish program.
- 👍 To our Advocate Brother PGK Paul Vanasse and his commitment to engage the council with the Fourth-Degree Assembly.
- 👍 To Rob and Trish Krafchuk for all the work to complete the "Beer and Wine Tasting" event.
- 👍 To the Admissions Degree team, Stephen Corbin, Paul Vanasse, Joe Audette, John Peters, Norm Gousy, and Terry Carney.

~ *Basketball Free-throw events* ~

Western Regional, March 11th at St. Thomas the Apostle Gym, 47 Pine St., West Springfield, MA.

Registration - 9am / contest - 10 am

State Finals, April 29 at Anna Maria College, So Sunset Lane, Paxton, MA

Registration - 8:30am / contest 9:30am

~ *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>
Wed. Mar 1	ASH WEDNESDAY
Fri., Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Sun. Mar 19	Council's Irish Dinner at the Villa Rose, 5p-8:30p. Raffles, games, fun! adults - \$15pp; children 4-12 - \$10pp, under 3 - free.
Sat. Mar 11	Western regional basketball free-throw.
Sat., Apr 1, 9a-3p	Tootsie Roll Drive and Blood Mobile blood drive , Stop & Shop, Belchertown.
Fri, April 14	GOOD FRIDAY
Sun, Apr 16	EASTER
Apr 17	State Lantern Award ceremony. Sheraton Hotel, Framington, MA
May 6	4th Degree Exemplification. Hyannis, MA
May 19, 20 & 21	MA State Convention, Hyannis, MA



Everyone is invited to Knights of Columbus
St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698's

IRISH NIGHT DINNER

Sunday, March 19, 5:00pm-8:30pm

at The Villa Rose on Rt. 21, Ludlow.

Enjoy an "*all-you-can-eat*" menu served 'family style' of
corned beef & cabbage, potatoes, carrots, soda bread & dessert

Cash Bar ~ Door prizes ~ 50/50 raffle ~ Fun!

Ticket price per person:

Adult ~ \$15

Children: 4-12 ~ \$10, 3 & under ~ free

Tickets on sale at our council meetings, The Villa Rose
and at St. Francis of Assisi weekend Masses

To reserve tickets or for information contact:

GK Will LeBrun - 413.345.8042

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

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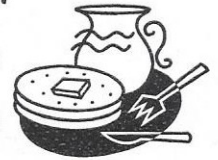
Kristina's Kafe & Bakery

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Tues. - Sun 6am-2pm

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McCarthy's Pub

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(413) 323-6420

Open 11:00 AM - 11:30 PM

Look for them on Facebook.

Twitter: @McCarthyPubMA

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 via email. 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: by going directly to www.stfrancisbelchertown.com/knights-of-columbus

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