



St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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MAY 2017 NEWSLETTER

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your family & friends*

Nomination of

St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698 2017-2018 officers
will be held at our meetings on Tuesdays, May 9th and 23rd.

The election vote will be held at our council meeting on Tuesday, June 13th.

All 3rd degree council members are eligible to serve as an officer.

If you are interested in serving, contact
nominations coordinator Guard Kevin Bowen, 413-335-2762

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 **MAY, 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
			Living Rosary		National Day of Prayer	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p				
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mothers Day			Council 10698 hosting 4th degree AWA Dinner 6:15 Meeting 7:00		K of C State Convention	K of C State Convention
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
K of C State Convention		Council 10698 Meeting 7p				
28	29	30	31			
	Memorial Day					

2016-2017 Officers of Knights of Columbus Council 10698

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 10698
May 2017 Newsletter

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

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Brother Knights and Families,

With spring in full bloom, April rains have not hindered the council's abilities with our cause. The Pro-life vigil held by our council and parish was well attended shining light of the need to support Life, especially to unborn. Unfortunately, the council was forced to postpone the Blood and Tootsie Roll drives due to inclement weather. We will announce a future date when arrangements have been made.

The Easter Egg Roll held on April 23 was another success. Thanks to all who helped, especially PGK Tom Grady, coordinator, and Father Jack.

On Wednesday, May 3rd, the council will be conducting a “Living Rosary” ceremony with Father Jack at 7:00 pm. We plan to have this outside on the parish grounds, but will move in the church if the weather doesn't cooperate. All Brothers, family, friends, and parishioners are welcome.

On May 17th, the council will once again host the Arch Bishop Williams Fourth Degree Assembly in our hall. Dinner begins at 6:15 and Business meeting at 7:00 pm. All Fourth-Degree members are welcome.

With the fraternal year coming to a close, the council is conducting nominations for new officers. Worthy Inside Guard Kevin Bowen has volunteered to chair the Nomination committee. If you are interested in an officer's position for the council, please see him.

I hope that this message finds you doing well and that each of you and yours has a blessed month of May.

Fraternally yours,

Will LeBrun, Grand Knight/DD

Vivat Jesus

~ Your Prayers are requested ~

- † For repose of the souls of: Fr. Vern Decoteau, Jeanne Paradise-Archambault, Charles Lydon Sr. and Joan Gay.

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 Barry, Ivan LeBrun, Wayne Griffin, Barb Hume, Betty Griffin, Brendon O'Rourke, Kevin English, Thomas Bowen, Teri Terzi, 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 ~

- **ATTENDANCE OF THE LIVING ROSARY ON THE PARISH GROUNDS, WEDNESDAY, MAY 3RD AT 7:00 PM**
- **Help needed during the Fourth-Degree meeting on May 17th to sell raffle and reception tickets. Dinner begins at 6:15 pm.**
- **HELP IS 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. **NOTICE:** Effective immediately, all Council 10698 brothers assisting/volunteering at the Holyoke Soldiers Home must be certified in accordance with the commonwealth CORI check. Forms are available from the council Financial Secretary, Norm Gousy.

~ Hats Off & Thank You to:

- 👍 To Brothers Tom Soja and Guard Kevin Bowen in support our veterans at the Soldiers Home.
- 👍 To Brother Jeff Pronovost, Warden, for his commitment to maintain the hall and work on the second floor of our council hall.
- 👍 To FS Norm Gousy for his coordinating the Prolife vigil.
- 👍 PGK Tom Grady for coordinating the parish Easter Egg Hunt and helpers DD/PGK Rob Krafchuk, Ray Fontaine.
- 👍 Kevin Bowen for volunteering to serve on the council 2017 officer nomination team.

~ Living Rosary, 7pm, Wednesday, May 3rd ~

Knights of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698 would like all brother Knights and their families to pray to our Holy Mother Mary with a Living Rosary, dedicated to oppose abortion and assisted suicide.

Our prayer will begin at 7pm outside the St. Francis of Assisi candle chapel at 7pm. Bring your folding chairs. In the event of poor weather the service will be moved inside the church. (The parish bulletin erroneously stated this would be held on the Belchertown Common).

~ MEMORIAL DAY, Monday, May 29th ~

Knights of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698 will gather at our council hall at 9am for coffee and donuts prior to the Belchertown Memorial Day parade and ceremony. The parade will step off from town hall at 10am to proceed to the monuments on the Belchertown Common ceremony. All council members are asked to attend as we pay homage to our fallen warriors in the fight for our freedom. Proper attire required.

~ 2017 Parish Easter Egg Hunt ~



On Sunday 4/23 following the 10:30 Mass, members of the St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus council and Worthy Chaplain Fr. Jack greeted dozens of parish and council member children along with their families on a beautiful sunny day for the 2017 Annual Easter Egg Roll. The event with was a great success! Children scooped up over 1200+ eggs filled with candy and delicious treats that were blessed by Fr. Jack. Children hopped around the church grounds to music, and was greeted by the Easter Bunny himself. After the roll, families were welcomed to have their photo taken with the furry special guest courtesy of the council. A great time was had by all and many parents and children thanked the brother knights in attendance for sponsoring this event. Much thanks to Chair PGK Tom Grady and helpers DD Rob Krafchuk and Brother Ray Fontaine for help setting up the grounds for the roll and Worthy Chaplain Fr. Jack for his support and blessing of the eggs and hunters. Thanks also goes out to our returning Easter Bunny Will Schmidt and his sister and "bunny handler" Judy. A big thanks goes pit to Donna Grady who graciously stuffed all 1200+ eggs for the event. It was a great way to continue the celebration of the Easter Season!

~ 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

DATE/TIME:	EVENT / ACTIVITY:
Wed., May 3, 7p	LIVING ROSARY on the grounds outside the candle chapel, inside the church if raining.
Fri., May 5	NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER
Sun., May 14	MOTHER'S DAY
Wed., May 17, 6p	4th degree Archbishop Williams Assembly dinner at 6pm and meeting begins at 7pm at Council 10698 hall.
May 19, 20 & 21	MA State K of C Convention, Hyannis, MA
Wed., May 24, 6p	Deadline to submit to Council 10698 June newsletter.
Mon., May 29	MEMORIAL DAY
Sun., Jun 18	FATHER'S DAY
Wed., June 21	Patriotic Living Rosary , Belchertown Common.
Tue., July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY

Deadline to submit articles and/or pictures to this newsletter is no later than 6pm on the 4th Wednesday each month.

K of C Council 10698 Newsletter Editor~ PGK Bill Bowen, phone: 413.687.7962

Email your contributions to: btowncoordinator@charter.net.

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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Contact the editor if you would like to advertise your business/service.

Printed copies of this newsletter may be mailed via the USPS to Council 10698 members and others upon request to the editor. A fee of \$6.00 to cover postage may apply.

Widows of members = no charge

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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