

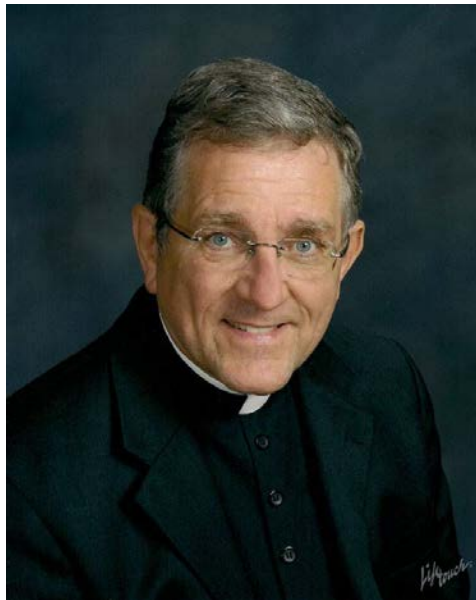


St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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JUNE 2017 NEWSLETTER

*Please share this with
your family & friends*



***Eternal rest grant unto Reverend Vernon Paul Decoteau O Lord and may Your perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.
Amen***

A memorial Mass for Fr. Vern will be held at 6pm on Thursday, June 1st on the first anniversary of his death.
Please plan to attend.

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

WHO WE ARE

FOUNDED FEBRUARY 6, 1882 AT ST. MARY'S CHURCH IN NEW HAVEN, CT
BY FATHER MICHAEL J. MCGIVNEY,
THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL AID TO
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WORLDWIDE FINANCIAL AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION.

K of C COUNCIL 10698's **JUNE, 2017**

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|-----------|--|--|---|-----------|---|
| Election of Council 10698 2017/18 officers will be held at our meeting on June 13th. | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| | | | | Dedication of the St. Francis organ system in memory of Fr, Vern Decoteau | | |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
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| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| St. Francis parish family picnic 12 noon | | Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p ELECTION | FLAG DAY | | | 4 th Degree Soldiers Home Cookout 12 noon |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| FATHERS DAY | | | | | | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | |
| | | Council 10698 Meeting 7p | PATRIOTIC LIVING ROSARY | | | |

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

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

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Brother Knights and Families,

The Fraternal year is quickly coming to an end and nominations for council officers are underway. Some positions are vacant and need to be filled. If you are interested, please contact Kevin Bowen, who has volunteered to chair the Nomination committee.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Fr. Jack for leading and to all who attended the Living Rosary held on the parish grounds in May. A photo was taken during the ceremony and posted on the parish website. Thank you, Donna Grady!

The council also successfully hosted the Fourth-Degree Arch Bishop Williams assembly meeting with a great turnout of brother knights. Thanks to PGK Mike Griffin, PGK Bill Bowen, and PGK Paul Vanasse for the help to make this an exceptional evening.

As you can see in the calendar month of June, there are a few events you and yours are welcome to attend, Patriotic Living Rosary, Parish picnic, council meetings, and maybe even a few surprises.

This will be my last message to you as Grand Knight and it is my deepest wishes for you all the best. I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all of you who have helped me this fraternal year in the council. May you feel the Lord's presence as you walk through this journey of life.

Fraternally yours,

Will LeBrun, Grand Knight/DD

Vivat Jesus

~ Your Prayers are requested ~

- † For repose of the souls of: Reverend Vernon Paul Decoteau, Reverend Thomas R. Champigny, Jessica Godek

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, Vic Tetreault, Brendon O'Rourke, Kevin English, Thomas Bowen, Teri Terzi, Noah Jubb, Cindy Wyman.
- † 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.

~ *Hats Off & Thank You:*

- 👍 To Brothers Tom Soja and Guard Kevin Bowen in support of our veterans at the Soldiers Home.
- 👍 To Brother Jeff Pronovost, Warden, for his commitment to maintain the hall and for the renovation work on the second floor of our council hall.
- 👍 To PGK Bill Bowen for his persistence of communicating council activities.
- 👍 To the current council officers that have helped me as Grand Knight.
- 👍 To the wives of all the brother knight's that stepped in, on many occasions, to help in council activities.
- 👍 And most importantly, Father Jack, Chaplain, for your guidance and continued friendship.

~ *A Call to Serve* ~

- **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: Note: all Council 10698 brothers assisting/volunteering at the Holyoke Soldiers Home must attend a 'volunteer orientation' meeting at the Soldiers Home and be certified in accordance with the commonwealth CORI check. Forms are available from the council Financial Secretary, Norm Gousy.
- All Knights and their families are asked to attend the PATRIOTIC LIVING ROSARY on the Town common, at 7:00 pm, Wednesday, June 28th.



Our council joined the vigil against abortion at the Planned Parenthood facility in Springfield on April 7th.

Thank you to our worthy Financial Secretary - Norm Gousy for leading the way all day in the defense of innocent life and to the many brother Knights of our council and parishioners of St. Francis that attended this event to support Life.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Knights of Columbus
2017 Lantern Award recipient
Brother James Brett is seen here autographing GK
LeBrun's booklet.

This State KofC event was held on April 17th,
attended by GK Will LeBrun and DGK Brian
O'Leary.



Council Chaplain Fr. Jack Sheaffer lead us in our Living Rosary on May 3rd on the grounds of St. Francis of Assisi. Thank you to the Council 10698 members and parishioners that joined us in prayer to our Holy Mother for an end to abortion and assisted suicide.



~ Patriotic Living Rosary ~

Our council will join the community in a
"Fortnight for Freedom' Patriotic Living Rosary
on the Belchertown Common
at 7p.m., Wednesday, June 28th

In the event of rain, the event will be held the parish social hall.
There will be a simple collation of cookies, brownies, punch, coffee, tea in the Pine Room following the event. All Knights of Council 10698, their families and friends are urged to attend this meaningful event. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact
PGK Tom Grady, 323-4036, email: tgradybtwn@gmail.com

~ 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> |
|-----------------------|--|
| Mon., May 29 | MEMORIAL DAY. Belchertown Common ceremony, 10a |
| Thu., June 1, 6p | Fr. Vern memorial Mass, dedication of St. Francis of Assisi organ system. |
| Sun., June 11 | St. Francis of Assisi parish family picnic on the church grounds after the 10:30a Mass. |
| Tue., Jun 13, 7p | Election of Council 10698 2017/18 officers |
| Wed., Jun 14 | FLAG DAY |
| Sat., Jun 18, 12 noon | 4th Degree Soldiers Home Cookout for residents. |
| Sun., Jun 18 | FATHER'S DAY |
| Wed., June 28, 7p | "Fortnight for Freedom" Patriotic Living Rosary, on the Belchertown Common. (parish social center in case of rain) |
| Wed., June 28, 6p | <i>Deadline to submit contributions to council newsletter.</i> |
| Tue., July 4 | INDEPENDENCE DAY |

A Sunday School teacher decided to have her young class memorize one of the most quoted passages in the Bible - Psalm 23. She gave the youngsters a month to learn the chapter. Little Tommy was excited about the task - but he just couldn't remember the Psalm. After much practice, he could barely get past the first line.

On the day that the kids were scheduled to recite Psalm 23 in front of the congregation, Tommy was very nervous. When it was his turn, he stepped up to the microphone and said proudly, "The Lord is my Shepherd,,,and,,,um,,,that's all I need to know."

**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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KofC Council 10698 newsletter June be opened and at www.stfrancisbelchertown.com/knights-of-columbus

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**Advertising in Council 10698's monthly newsletter is FREE to all members of Council 10698
and for businesses that help Council 10698 in fund-raising efforts.**

**Contact the editor via email if you have would like to advertise something to sell or your
business/service.**

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

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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