



St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

*Wishing you and your loved ones
A Merry Christmas for us was born a Savior*



What it means to be a member of St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus Council 10698

- Members contribute their time according to their own availability. There is no specific time or obligation to participate.
- We devote ourselves to our parish and community assisting those in need and those physically or mentally challenged.
- We annually provide scholarships to Belchertown high school graduates.
- We sponsor social events throughout the year open to all in our community.
- We sponsor and arrange trips to local shrines, sporting events, theatrical venues, tourist attractions and casinos.
- We contribute and participate in annual parish and community events such as; Living Rosary, the Belchertown Memorial Day Parade & ceremony, the annual Parish Tag Sale, the Belchertown Fair & Parade.
- We join as one in prayer for the repose of souls and for comfort & healing of those in need.
- We meet twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at our Council home at 11 Jabish Street, Belchertown, MA. Prior to the 1st meeting of the month (on the second Tuesday) members share dinner together at 6 p.m. in the council home.

K of C COUNCIL 10698's **DECEMBER 2017**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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					Poissant's Christmas Party	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		St. Francis Creche Lighting 6:30p				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p				St. Francis Cookie Swap
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Brunch for Fr. Jack			Council 10698 hosts 4 th Degree dinner/meeting			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	Christmas	Council 10698 Meeting 7p				
31						
New Year's Eve						

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

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

~ A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT ~

Brothers:

Merry Christmas to you and your families. Take time to celebrate the birth of Christ and enjoy some quiet time with our families. We all too often can get caught up in the festivities for the Christmas Season that we forget to slow down and really reflect on what this season is all about.

Luke 2: 8-14

In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there appeared with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest,

And on earth peace among men [g]with whom He is pleased."

On December 17th immediately following the 10:30 Mass we will be hosting a Brunch in honor of FR. Jack, please be sure to RSVP to me in order to reserve your space as this event is open to all parishioners and will be capped at 75.

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Corbin, Grand Knight

~ Your Prayers are requested ~

- † For repose of the souls of Muriel B. Benoit and all departed Knights of our council.

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; Marcel Archambault, Marie Sheaffer, PGK Terry Carney, PGK Tom Barry, Ivan LeBrun, Wayne Griffin, Betty Griffin, Tom Griffin, Thomas Bowen, Teresa Terzi, Bev Rose, 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 and our First Responders.

~ A Call to Serve ~

- **HELP IS NEEDED** in the Pine Room on Sunday, Dec 17 to help prep, serve, clean-up for Fr. Jack's brunch.
- **HELP IS NEEDED** in the council hall on Wed. Dec 20 to help prep, serve, clean-up for the 4th degree dinner/meeting.
- **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.
- **All Council 10698 Knights** are asked to support and attend activities/functions sponsored by our council, especially events we offer open to parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi and our community.

~ Archbishop Williams Assembly Fourth Degree ~

We are pleased to announce that our brother SK Evan Dell'Olio was nominated and elected to fill the position of Outside Sentinel. Congratulations to Evan and we look forward to your guidance for our Assembly as you move through the chairs.

Council 10698 will be hosting the December dinner meeting for the AWA on Wednesday, Dec. 20th at 6p in the council hall. Help will be needed to prep, serve and clean-up.

Thank you
Tom Barry, PFN, PGK

~ It's time to pay your dues ~

Dear Brothers,

The annual membership fee for 2018 is due. It is essential dues are processed before January 1, 2018. The annual membership fee has not changed, \$28 for members, \$12.25 for honorary members. At our meeting on Tuesday, December 11th, I will have your 2018 card ready and available for you. If I do not see you at the meeting, I will be mailing you an invoice shortly thereafter. I ask for your attention to this matter and for you to mail me your check as soon as possible.

Thank You,
Norm Gousy, Financial Secretary

~ BRUNCH ~

Our council will have a brunch in honor of
our parish pastor and council Chaplain Fr. Jack Sheaffer on
Sunday, Dec 17 at 12 noon in the Pine Room.

There are 75 seats available.

There is no charge, donations are welcome.

If you would like to attend,
please RSVP before Dec 15th with the number of seats requested to

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~ K of C Council 10698's Activity Agenda ~

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

DATE/TIME:

EVENT / ACTIVITY:

Fri. Dec 1	Poissant's Christmas Party, 6p-10p
Tue. Dec 5, 630p	St. Francis Creche Lighting. Meet in front of parish office.
Sat. Dec 16 12noon	St. Francis Cookie Swap. Bring some, get some!
Sun. Dec 17 12noon	Brunch in Fr. Jack's honor. Pine Room. Helpers needed.
Wed. Dec 20	Council 10698 hosts 4 th Degree dinner/meeting
Mon. Dec 25	



**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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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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