



## **St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698**

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### **JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER**

# 2018

# Happy New Year!

### **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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. at our Council home at 11 Jabish Street, Belchertown, MA. Prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
	New Year's Day					
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
		Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p				
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
	MLK federal holiday					
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
		Council 10698 Meeting 7p	Deadline to submit to newsletter			
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>			

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 10698**  
**January 2018 Newsletter**

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

**~ A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT ~**

Brothers:

Happy New Year!! With the new year comes new opportunities for service and spiritual growth. I ask you all to look internally and ask, "Am I the man that God designed me to be; am I the best version of myself?" I think that we can all answer a resound "NO" to that question. We all fall short; however, that is no excuse to stop trying. I challenge you this new year to find new ways to grow. There are plenty of service opportunities within the Knights as well as outside of our fraternity. Consider attending a Bible Study, attend a Men of St. Joseph meeting, read a Matthew Kelley book (maybe the one the Parish gave out at Christmas Mass). There are so many opportunities available. Let's make spiritual growth our New Year's Resolution.

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. ~ Ephesians 3:14-21*

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

Vivat Jesus,  
Steve Corbin, Grand Knight

**~ Your Prayers are requested ~**

- † For repose of the souls of 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** 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.

## ~ Thank You ~

Members of Council 10698 offer their sincere thanks to the Poissant Family for opening their home every year to welcome knights and their families at their Christmas party. This year's gathering was on December 1<sup>st</sup>. A good time of fun was had by all.

## ~ It's time to pay your dues ~

Dear Brothers,

The annual membership fee for 2018 is due. It is essential dues are processed as soon as possible. The annual membership fee has not changed, \$28 for members, \$12.25 for honorary members. At our meeting on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, I will have your 2018 card ready and available for you.

Thank You,

Norm Gousy, Financial Secretary



*Council Chaplain Fr. Jack and DGK Kevin Bowen lead parishioners in the ceremony for the lighting of the St. Francis of Assisi parish Creche on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.*





It was an honor to have State Deputy Paul O'Sullivan attend our December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting, at which he presented a certificate to Council Grand Knight Steve Corbin in recognition of our council's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



District Deputy Rob Krafchuk, Council Chaplain Fr. Jack Sheaffer, State Deputy Paul O'Sullivan, Grand Knight Steve Corbin



District Deputy/Past Grand Knight Will LeBrun was presented with plaque in recognition for his service as our 2016-2017 Grand Knight by State Deputy Paul O'Sullivan.  
Thank you Will for all your hard work in keeping our council excellent.



## ~ Fr. Jack's Appreciation Luncheon ~



Thank you to all that attended our 2nd Annual Luncheon in honor of our parish pastor and council Chaplain Father Jack in the parish social center pine room on Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

PGK Chuck Lydon, his wife Hannah and family prepared a tasty roast pork dinner with all the fixins. Thanks to PGK Mike Griffin, Debby Bowen and Ray Fontaine for their hard work to serve a wonderful luncheon.



~ Wreaths to our deceased members ~



DD Rob Krafchuk, GK Steve Corbin and Chancellor Ray Fontaine represented our council placing wreaths on the graves of our deceased Council 10698 members at the Wreaths Across America ceremony on December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam.

***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***





## Community Options Christmas Luncheon

The **Community Options Christmas luncheon** was held on December 12<sup>th</sup>, it was a beautiful day with a turnout of over 70 attendees. Much appreciation goes to the following brother knights, spouses and family members who helped to make this occasion a success; GK Steve Corbin, Mike Griffin PGK, Tony Ricchiazzi PGK, wife Diane and daughter Jennifer, Deb Bowen, Bob Christ, Stan Antonovitch, Tom Curto, Chuck Lydon PGK, Don Como and wife Jackie, John Hawley and Pat Hagerty. I would also personally like to express my sincere gratitude to Vic Tetreault, without his help this event would not be as successful for all.

Fraternally Yours,  
Will LeBrun, PGK/District Deputy  
Event Co-coordinator





## *~ Council 10698 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Beer & Wine Tasting ~*

Once again the Belchertown Knights of Columbus Council #10698 and Village Package store will be hosting our 8th Annual Beer and Wine tasting event to be held on March 11th 4pm-7pm

So we have a date if it works for you March 11th 4pm-6:30pm tasting and raffles will be held after tasting at 6:30pm at the Villa Rose in Ludlow Ma. Rt 21

8th annual Knight's of Columbus beer and wine tasting is 4pm-6:30pm with a Dinner buffet being served included.

Cash bar will be available.

Our organization is inviting you to our event at the Villa Rose in Ludlow Ma.

If you are available - please email me that you are able to attend and the drinks you are able to serve. [rkrafchuk@aol.com](mailto:rkrafchuk@aol.com) if you need more information I can drop it off or email for your convenience.

Thank you for your continued Support.

Suppliers like yourself play a big part in making the St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus #10698 in Belchertown stronger in our cause to provide needed help in our community. Our goal is to continue making a difference to those who need it and the help of supporters such as you helps us come closer to reaching that goal.

These are a few things about our organization we do for the community.

Support CYO Basketball , and various charities.

- \* Provide High School graduate scholarships
- \* Donate funds to provide service equipment to the physically challenged
- \* Donate funds in support of the Belchertown little league, Cub scouts
- \* Provide assistance and activities for the residents of the Holyoke soldiers home.
- \* Sponsor and conduct the annual holiday lunch for the Community Options organization .
- \* Participates as a group in civic ceremonies and activities.

These are just a few. We appreciate your consideration and potential support.

We will also have an advertising piece for your company in return of your help. Gift baskets or Gift certificates are welcomed for raffles as well from vendors.

Sincerely,

P.G.K.

District Deputy

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*Wishing you and your loved ones  
a happy and safe new year.*

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

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

Email your contributions to: [btowncoordinator@charter.net](mailto: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"**

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