



# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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## St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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## MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "LIFETIME MEMBER"  
ROBERT CHRIST**

# K of C COUNCIL 10698's **MARCH 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
						Irish Dinner 
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
Beer & Wine Tasting		Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p				St. Patrick's Day
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
	<i>St. Francis Parish Mission 6:30p</i>	<i>St. Francis Parish Mission 6:30p</i>	<i>St. Francis Parish Mission 6:30p</i>			
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
		Council 10698 Meeting 7p	Newsletter deadline	Holy Thursday	 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	

## Council Officers

Grand Knight	Stephan Corbin
Chaplain	Fr. Jack Sheaffer
Deputy Grand Knight	Kevin Bowen
Chancellor	Ray Fontaine Jr.
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District III Deputy	PGK Rob Krafchuk

**Officer phone numbers and email addresses will no longer be included at the direction of Supreme.**  
*Contact St. Francis of Assisi business office at 323-6272 for information or to contact an officer.*



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 10698  
March 2018 Newsletter

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

*~ A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT ~*

Brothers:

How quickly the time is passing. Spring is in the air that is for sure. With the approaching Spring season comes many other things. First and foremost is Lent and Easter. As we begin our Lenten journeys, I ask that you look for service opportunities. Look for opportunities to give back. In listening a daily reflection today, I was reminded to simply look to do the "next right thing". Let's not get lost in the sea of doing. Just look to do the next right thing. This will lead you closer to Jesus. I pray that this Lent will bring you all to a closer relationship with Jesus.

Below you will find a Lenten Prayer for Transformation from Dynamic Catholic. If you are not currently subscribing to their daily reflections I urge you to do so. <https://dynamiccatholic.com/>

*Loving Father,*

*I invite you into my life today  
and make myself available to you.  
Help me to become the best version of myself  
by seeking your will and becoming a living example  
of your love in the world.  
Open my heart to the areas of my life that need to change  
in order for me to carry out the mission  
and experience the joy you have imagined for my life.  
Inspire me to live the Catholic faith  
in ways that are dynamic and engaging.  
Show me how to best get involved in the life of my parish.  
Make our community hungry for best practices  
and continuous learning.  
Give me courage when I am afraid,  
hope when I am discouraged,  
and clarity in times of decision.  
Teach me to enjoy uncertainty and lead your Church  
to become all you imagined it would be  
for the people of our times.*

Vivat Jesus,

Steve Corbin, Grand Knight

## ~ *Your Prayers are requested* ~

- † For repose of the soul of Michael DaCosta

*Eternal rest grant unto him 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*

- † For healing and comfort for; Marcel Archambault, Marie Sheaffer, PGK Terry Carney, PGK Tom Barry, Ivan LeBrun, Betty Griffin, Tom Griffin, Thomas Bowen, Teresa Terzi, Bev Rose, Noah Jubb, Joe Derosher, Linda Boutin.
- † 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** at our council's Irish Dinner March 10 to prepare, serve and clean-up. Please contact GK Steve Corbin to offer your assistance.
- **HELP IS NEEDED** at our council's Beer & Wine Tasting March 11. Please contact DD/PGK Rob Krafchuk to offer your assistance.
- **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.



On Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, following the Generations of Faith Sunday morning session, the St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus council and Worthy Chaplain Fr. Jack will once again sponsor its annual Easter Egg Roll. This free event for parish and council children/grandchildren ages 8 and under starts around 12:00pm noon on the grounds of Chestnut Hill Community School located at 59 State Street (rain location is the St. Francis Social Center upper hall). Children are invited to bring their baskets to enjoy a hop through the grass to music, collecting from over 1000+ colorful eggs filled with delicious surprises. Children will enjoy an appearance by a very furry long-eared special guest who will be available to visit and take free pictures with them during the event, with pictures available for pick up the following weekend. Don't miss out on this great event in celebration of the Easter Season! The council is always looking for donations for this free event for the kids, whether it be monetary, or non-peanut based, individually wrapped bite-sized candy (that can fit into a small plastic egg). Donations can be dropped off at the council hall or by contacting Chair PGK Tom Grady at [413-323-4036](tel:413-323-4036) by 4/2.





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

All are invited to our annual **IRISH DINNER**  
in the pine room of the parish social center on  
**Saturday, March 10th, 5p-8p.**

Menu: corned beef & cabbage, potatoes, carrots, soda bread, cake, coffee, tea. B.Y.O.B.

**'50-50' \$ raffle**

Proceeds to benefit the council RSVP (*Refund Support Vocation Program*) funds



Children are invited to dress as a  
leprechaun!!  
Prize for the best dressed!



Entertainment by the "Seven Hills Four"

Ticket cost per person:

- ♣ FREE to KofC Council 10698 member with valid 2018 membership card
- Others:
- ♣ Adult ~ \$10
- ♣ Children - 4-12yo ~ \$5; child under 4yo ~ no charge
- ♣ "Take Out", with advance notice ~ \$10

**Only 100 tickets for seated dining available, "first come, first serve" basis**

Get your tickets at:

KofC Council 10698 meeting Feb 27, Mar 6;  
St. Francis of Assisi weekend Masses Feb 24&25, Mar 3&4;  
or by contacting PGK Bill Bowen, 323.7080

"Beer or Wine?  
What's YOUR Contention?"



Knights of Columbus Council 10698  
and The Village Package Store  
Invites you to join us for

*Our 8th annual*

## Beer & Wine Tasting

Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 4pm-7pm  
at the Villa Rose, Ludlow MA

Dinner Buffet included, 4:00pm-6:30pm  
'Silent Auction' and a 50/50 raffle 6:30pm-7pm .

*only 125 tickets will be sold*

Ticket price: \$25 pp      KofC members: \$20 pp  
*(must be over 21 years of age, proof req'd)*

For tickets, to donate, or information, contact:

The Village Package Store  
16 Federal St., Belchertown, MA, phone 413.323.7096

Rob Krafchuk: 413-244-3682  
Chuck Lydon: 413-364-4854  
Ray Fontaine: 413-537-4086



# Knights of Columbus

## FOURTH DEGREE

*Patriotic degree of the Order.*

### *~ Archbishop Williams Assembly ~*

Next meeting March 15th at St. Christopher's, Brimfield, 6pm Dinner - 7pm Meeting.  
Please visit [www.awa4thdegree.org](http://www.awa4thdegree.org) for more information.

"120 Club" tickets now on sale to sponsor the Seminarians. Cost is \$20. Drawings begin in March \$100 winner each month and a \$500 Grand Prize in June.

Consider joining the 4th Degree! Contact PFN Tom Barry 575-0666

Events of interest to members of Archbishop Williams Assembly March-May, 2018

All of the following events have additional details available in the calendar section of the Massachusetts State website. [www.massachusettsstatekofc.org](http://www.massachusettsstatekofc.org).

#### Ceremonials:

- March 4. District Deputy Paul O'Sullivan friendship dinner. It is at the Milford Doubletree at 2pm. The cost for the dinner is \$40 per person, 75/couple.
- March 17. Worcester Diocesan Men's Conference at Assumption College. Some of you may be interested in this because the Springfield Diocese is not doing a men's conference this year.
- May 5. Exemplification. The location is the Hyannis Convention Center. Candidates should be there at 11:30
- May 12. Bishop Daniel Reilly 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination. This is at St John's High School in Shrewsbury. Ad book and ticket information are on the state website.
- May 18 Massachusetts State Convention. Hyannis Convention Center

#### General Interest:

- March 10 Western Regional free throw at St Thomas in West Springfield beginning at 9:30. Will LeBrun is chairman of this event.
- April 7<sup>th</sup>. Friendship dinner for DD Rob Krafchuk . This will be at Villa Rose in Ludlow. There are no details available at this time
- April 14. Friendship dinner DD Donald Darcy at Castle of Knights in Chicopee. He is currently Captain of Bishop McGuire Assembly.
- April 16 Lantern Awards. Honoree is Catholic TV president Bishop Robert Reed. It will be at Sheraton in Framingham.
- April 21 Fourth Degree Biennial Meeting at St Mary's in Foxboro
- April 21 DD Will LeBrun friendship dinner at council 69 in Chicopee



# Friendship Dinner for



*District Deputy Robert Krafchuk*

Saturday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The Villa Rose Restaurant

1428 Center St. (Route 21), Ludlow MA

Cocktail hour: 5:00 to 6:00pm Dinner: 6:00pm

Dress will be casual attire. Cash bar, Raffle and more!

**\$30 per person**

*This event is being held to celebrate the contributions of our Fraternal Brother and District Deputy and to support his nomination by St. Francis of Assisi Council #10698, to be a delegate to the 136<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention to be held in Baltimore, MD August 2018.*

Please fill out the lower portion and return with payment. If you cannot come but would like to support Rob, donations are gratefully appreciated.

Please make checks payable to "Robert Krafchuk" and mail the lower portion of this page to:

PGK Tom Grady

26 Carol Ann Drive, Belchertown MA 01007

Inquiries may be made to PGK Tom Grady at [DDKrafchukforDelegate@gmail.com](mailto:DDKrafchukforDelegate@gmail.com)

**Please return by March 31<sup>st</sup> 2018.**



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Name & Number or Family/Friend: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ Donation if not attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by the Friends of D.D. Robert Krafchuk for Supreme Delegate



## ~ K of C Council 10698's 3-month Activity Agenda ~

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

**DATE/TIME:**

**EVENT / ACTIVITY:**

Sat. Mar 10 Irish Dinner. 5p-8p. Pine Room

Sun. Mar 11 Beer & Wine Tasting, 4p-6p. Villa Rose

Sat. March 17  Happy St. Patrick's Day

Mar 19-21 St. Francis Parish Mission, 6:30p

Thu. Mar 29 Holy Thursday

Fri. Mar 30



Good Friday

Sunday, April 1



EASTER

Sat. April 7 DD Robert Krafchuk Friendship Dinner

Sun. April 8 EASTER EGG HUNT. 12 noon @ CHMS

Sat. April 21 DD Will LeBrun Friendship dinner @ Elder Council 69

Apr 28 Annual Council Golf Tournament, Cold Springs CC

May 18 K of C State Convention, Hyannis, MA

**The deadline to submit contributions for our 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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KofC Council 10698 newsletter may be found at [www.stfrancisbelchertown.com/knights-of-columbus](http://www.stfrancisbelchertown.com/knights-of-columbus)

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### 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

For additional information contact:

Steve Corbin gmsteve512@gmail.com

John Rakouskas john5star@hotmail.com



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