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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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MAY 2018 NEWSLETTER

*I heard the sound of TAPS one night,
When everything was still
I listened to the bugler play
And felt a sudden chill.
I wondered just how many times
That TAPS had meant "Amen,"
When a flag had draped a coffin
Of a brother or a friend.
I thought of all the children,
Of the mothers and the wives,
Of fathers, sons and husbands
With interrupted lives.
I thought about a graveyard
At the bottom of the sea
Of unmarked graves in Arlington.
No, freedom isn't free.*

~ Kelly Strong



K of C COUNCIL 10698's **MAY 2018**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
						National Day of Prayer Council Hall Cleaning 12p
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mother's Day					State Convention	State Convention
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Living Rosary 12 noon		Council 10698 Meeting 7p	Newsletter Deadline 6p			
27	28	29	30	31		
	Memorial Day					

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May 2018 Newsletter

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

~ A MESSAGE FROM OUR GRAND KNIGHT ~

Brothers:

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of you who make an effort to attend meetings on a regular basis and are participants in council events. I know how difficult it can be. We want to make a difference and volunteer and then life happens. Most of us with full-time jobs and many of us with small children. We give what time we can and for that your Council thanks you!! However, there are still some of you on the periphery, looking in from the sidelines. Perhaps you are waiting for the council to sponsor an event that interests you, perhaps you don't always agree with council leadership. Many of you think it is the responsibility of one person to make this council thrive. Whatever your reason may be, I assure you that it will not change while you are standing on the sidelines. I urge you to be the change that you are looking for. As our Fraternal Year draws to an end, we are looking for members to step up and volunteer for a leadership position within our council. We need you to make this council thrive. I pray that all members of this council take some time and contemplate how they can be a part of this council's future. There is a role for all of us, great or small.

O Holy Spirit of God, take me as your disciple; guide me, illuminate me, sanctify me. Bind my hands that they may do no evil; cover my eyes that they may see it no more; sanctify my heart that evil may not dwell within me. Be my God; be my guide. Wherever you lead me, I will go: whatever you forbid me, I will renounce; and whatever you command me, in your strength, I will do. Lead me, then, unto the fullness of your truth. Amen.

Vivat Jesus,
Steve Corbin, Grand Knight

~ Your Prayers are requested ~

- † For repose of the soul of First Lady Barbara Bush, David Tetrault, Shawn Gannon
*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, Lynn Carney, PGK Tom Barry, Ivan LeBrun, Betty Griffin, Thomas Bowen, Teresa Terzi, Elaine Lydon, Kathleen Terry, Caroline Groves, Donna Grady, Hilary Danek, Jenny McCullough, Gloria Cartinelli.
- † 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 ~

- **OFFICERS NEEDED** to serve our council in 2018-2019.
- **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.

Council Hall Clean Up Saturday, May 5th 12 noon



Council members are needed to help clean our council hall. It has been a long time since we have done so and it really shows. The more that help ~ the less time it will take. So please be there, even if it's just for a brief time, it will matter.

~ Membership Drive ~ Sunday, May 20th ~

Our council will hold a membership drive at the 10:30a Mass at St. Francis of Assisi church.

All KofC 10698 members are asked to attend this Mass.

Please help answer questions of parishioners and to hand-out literature and applications.

Officers are asked to wear their KofC badges to this and every church function.

#1 reason members joined our organization...."Someone asked me to join."



~ Living Rosary ~

Our council will hold a Living Rosary at 12 noon on Sunday, May 20th outside at the St. Francis of Assisi prayer gazebo. (inside the church in case of poor weather).

All 10698 members and their family members are urged to join together with parishioners in prayer to our Holy Mother during these stressful times in our country and the world.

Easter Egg Hunt

Our council once again sponsored the St. Francis of Assisi parish Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 8 on the grounds of Chestnut Hill Middle School in Belchertown. Thank you to the Easter Bunny (DD Krafchuk), PGK Tom Grady & his spouse Donna for their hard work and to all those that donated to make this event enjoyable for all the children.



~ Memorial Day ~

Monday, May 28th

Join together as a council to pay respects to men and women that made the supreme sacrifice in defense of our freedoms. Council members and their families will gather for coffee and donuts at our council hall at 9a before proceeding to the gathering at Belchertown Town Hall parking lot. The parade will step-off at precisely 10a to march to the Belchertown Common for the ceremony to salute our fallen warriors. Participating members are asked to wear appropriate attire, coat & tie.



~ Archbishop Williams Assembly ~

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

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

All of the following events have additional details available in the calendar section of the Massachusetts State website. www.massachusettsstatekofc.org.

Ceremonials:

- May 5. Patriotic (4th) Degree Exemplification. The location is the Hyannis Convention Center. Candidates should be there at 11:30
- May 12. Bishop Daniel Reilly 90th birthday celebration and 65th 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

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

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

DATE/TIME:

EVENT / ACTIVITY:

May 5 National Day of Prayer

Sat., May 5 **12 noon** ~ Council hall cleaning party. All helpers welcome.

Sun., May 13



May 18-20 K of C State Convention, Hyannis, MA

Wed., May 23 Newsletter deadline 6p

Mon., May 28



Sun., Jun 3, 2p Fr. Jack's 25TH anniversary of his ordination Mass.
Reception to follow on the rectory grounds.

Wed., Jul 4th INDEPENDENCE DAY

Have you paid your 2018 dues? Many members have not.

Please send you check to:

Financial Secretary

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**The deadline to submit contributions for our newsletter
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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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