



## St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

11 Jabish Street, P.O. Box 1343

Belchertown, MA 01007-1343

Email: [kofc10698@gmail.com](mailto:kofc10698@gmail.com)

[www.stfrancisbelchertown.com/knights-of-columbus](http://www.stfrancisbelchertown.com/knights-of-columbus)

## DECEMBER 2018 NEWSLETTER

*Make me a channel of your peace.*



*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace*

# COUNCIL 10698 OFFICERS 2018-2019

Grand Knight	Kevin Bowen
Chaplain	Fr. Jack Sheaffer
Deputy Grand Knight	PGK Paul Vanasse
Chancellor	Tom Curto
Warden	Jeff Pronovost
Recorder	PGK Mike Griffin
Treasurer	John Hawley
Advocate	PGK Everett Hume
Inside Guard	Joaquim Pedro
Outside Guard	Don Como
Trustee for 1 year	Bob Christ
Trustee for 2 years	PGK Bill Bowen
Trustee for 3 years	Brian O'Leary
Financial Secretary	Norm Gousy
Lecturer	PGK Terry Carney
District III Deputy	PGK Will LeBrun

Contact St. Francis of Assisi business office at 323-6272 to contact an officer or for information.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b><i>Merry Christmas to all.</i></b> <b><i>May the peace and love of the Christ child</i></b> <b><i>be with you and your loved ones always.</i></b>						<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
		Parish Creche lighting			First Friday Mass 8a	
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
		Community Options luncheon				Wreaths Across America
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Children's Visit w Santa			4 <sup>th</sup> Degree dinner/meeting at 10698			
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
		<b>Christmas</b>				
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b><i>Don't forget to pay your 2019 dues.</i></b>				
	New Year's Eve					

## ~ *Message from our Grand Knight* ~

My Brothers,

I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me by electing me to serve as your Grand Knight for the remainder of the 2018-2019 Colombian Year. I ask you all to reflect on what Father Michael J. McGivney did by forming the Knights of Columbus in 1882. Through Charity, Unity and Fraternity we strive to help each other and our community especially in times of need.

We will continue to live up to the principles of our order and I am committed to continuing the efforts of our PGK Steven Corbin. We must continue to make a difference and continue to grow. As a small chapter we must continue to support our parish and community by working together to accomplish our goals. Divided there is little we can do for our members and community. I pray and ask for inactive members of our council to return and be an active part of our council. United together we will accomplish much. Please feel free to reach out to me or any officer of the council.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Kevin Bowen

Grand Knight

## ~ *Message from our Deputy Grand Knight* ~

Brothers, I want to thank all of you who assisted in making this period of transition smooth and successful. I congratulate our new Grand Knight Kevin Bowen and will continue to fulfill my duties as DGK under his leadership. We all face life challenges, and it is no small decision to take on the roll of Grand Knight in mid term. Kevin's decision is a great act of Charity, let us all follow his example and make the rest of our Fraternal year a great success. Paul Vanasse D.G.K.



### **Wreaths Across America**

*Council 10698 members will pay respects and place wreaths on council veteran's graves on*  
**National Wreaths Across America Day**  
*at Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam, MA*  
*Saturday, December 15, 9am*



Children & grandchildren of Council 10698 members and

children of St. Francis of Assisi parish 10yrs old and under are invited to have a

### **VISIT WITH SANTA**

on Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon in the parish Social Center Pine Room.

Light refreshments will be served.

## ~ *Your Prayers are requested* ~

- † For repose of the soul of all our loved ones, our brother Knights and unborn children.
- † For healing and comfort for; Fr. Jack, Tom Curto, Marcel Archambault, PGK Tom Barry, Lynn Carney, PGK Mike Griffin, Betty Griffin, John Griffin, Ken Griffin, Barb Hume, Andrew Hawley, Debby Bowen, Thomas Bowen, Teresa Terzi, Kristine Pedro, Therese Rakouskas, Judy Trickey, Chelsea Phanuef, 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.

## ~ **Hats off and thank you to...** ~

- 👍 Kevin Bowen for stepping up to serve as our Grand Knight.
- 👍 PGK/DGK Paul Vanasse for stepping up to fill the role as our Grand Knight.
- 👍 Every member that steps up to serve our council, faith and community.

## ~ *A Call to Serve* ~

- Please mark your calendars and make plans to **help** with our **Community Options** Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, December 11 in the Pine Room. Volunteers are needed for setup, cleanup, and serving, 10am to 3:00pm.
- **Wreaths Across America**, Saturday, Dec. 15, 9a. Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam, MA
- **Help needed** with set-up/clean-up for our **Visit with Santa** for children of St. Francis of Assisi parish in the Pine Room on Sunday, Dec 16. Contact PGK Bill Bowen, 413.687.7962 to step up.
- **Help needed** on Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 6p-8p, for the **4<sup>th</sup> degree dinner/meeting** at our council.
- **HELPERS NEEDED** on every Saturday at 5:30pm to assist Holyoke Soldiers Home residents in wheelchairs between the elevator and the chapel. Volunteers are asked to check in with the receptionist at 5:15pm.

## ~ *K of C Council 10698's Activities* ~

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

<i>DATE/TIME:</i>	<i>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</i>
Tue. Dec 4, 6:30p	<b>Parish Creche lighting.</b> All council members & families invited.
Tue. Dec 11 10a-3p	<b>Community Options Luncheon</b> in the Pine Room. Volunteers needed for setup, cleanup, and serving 10am to 3pm.
Sat. Dec 15, 9a	<b>Wreaths Across America</b> , Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam, MA
Sun. Dec 16, 12noon	<b>Visit with Santa</b> , parish Pine Room.
Wed. Dec 19, 6p	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Degree dinner/meeting</b> at Council 10698
<b>Dec 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas</b>	
Sat. Jan 26, 2019	<b>Beer &amp; Wine Tasting</b> (tentative). Location TBD
Sat. Feb 16	<b>Sweetheart dinner</b> , Pine Room
Sat. Mar 9	<b>Irish Family dinner</b> , Pine Room





# Massachusetts State Council KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



*accentuate the positive*

<http://massachusettsstatekofc.org/#>

470 Washington St. Suite #6,  
Norwood, MA 02062  
state.office@masskofc.org  
781 551-0628

**K of C Council 10698 Insurance Agent: Bill Wisnieski - 413.265.1213**

 <p>ELISABETH &amp; BHAVIN PATEL</p> <p>Belchertown, MA patel@marblchocolates.com 413-813-5347 ♦ 413-427-9041</p> <p>Follow MARBL Chocolates on </p>	   <p>The strength of <b>TEAMWORK</b>... the reputation for <b>RESULTS</b> The Poissant &amp; Neveu Real Estate Team <b>413-813-4479</b> <i>"Selling Belchertown And Beyond"</i></p>
<p>Doing You Right Since 1988</p>  <p><b>C.J.L. MECHANICAL</b> Plumber &amp; Gasfitter</p> <p>Charles J. Lydon Jr. Fully Insured MA Lic # 27106</p> <p>Belchertown, MA 01007 Office - (413) 283-8710 Cell - (413) 364-4854</p>	<p><i>"Start first with <b>First Start</b> and together we can save lives"</i></p> <p><b>John E. Hawley</b> Instructor Trainer</p>  <p><b>Tel: 413.575.0800</b> Fax: 413.253.1508 john@firststartmedical.com www.firststartmedical.com</p>

**The deadline to submit contributions for our newsletter is no later than 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: [kofc10698@gmail.com](mailto:kofc10698@gmail.com).

Be sure to "LIKE" & follow us on Facebook: "Belchertown Knights of Columbus Council 10698"

KofC Council 10698 newsletter may be found at [www.stfrancisbelchertown.com/knights-of-columbus](http://www.stfrancisbelchertown.com/knights-of-columbus)

*Note: ADOBE READER is required to open and view the newsletter on-line. Download is free.*