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APRIL 2019 NEWSLETTER

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K of C COUNCIL 10698's **APRIL 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
FATHER DAUGHTER DANCE	<u>Parish Mission</u>	<u>Parish Mission</u> Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p	<u>Parish Mission</u>			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Palm Sunday	PATRIOTS DAY			HOLY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	HOLY SATURDAY
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
EASTER		Council 10698 Meeting 7p				
29	30	<i>"God loved the world this way: He gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in Him will not die but will have eternal life." ~ John 3:16</i>				
Parish Easter Egg Hunt						

~ *Message from our Grand Knight* ~

Brothers,

As we move into April 2019, I thank the brother knights that helped out and created a positive Knights of Columbus presence at our Antonio's Fund Raiser/Membership Drive held on March 25th. Congratulations to our Recorder Mike Griffin who is the winner of our 50/50 raffle prize.

Now it is time for us to look at the next event the Father Daughter Dance on April 7th 6:00-8:30 set up is at 5:00 sharp. All brothers are encouraged to help. I am hoping we can make this an Annual Event to help benefit our council. We are looking for volunteers to help with our Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 28th.

Please contact me or PGK Tom Grady, 323-4036, if interested.

The Knights of Columbus State Convention will be held 3-5 May in Bedford, MA. We will need to discuss who will represent our council.

Our Nomination and Town Fair committees will be forming in preparation for the near future. I ask all brothers to take on a role to ensure the success of our council.

Please continue to try your best to attend our council meetings. Our next meeting will be held April 9th dinner at 6p, meeting at 7p.

Vivat Jesus,
Kevin Bowen
Grand Knight

~ *Message from our District Deputy* ~

"The men who have guided the destiny of the United States have found the strength for their tasks by going to their knees. This private unity of public men and their God is an enduring source of reassurance for the people of America" ~ President Lyndon B Johnson

Hello brother knights.

The winter is finally over and spring in the air. So, means soon the fraternal year will come to an end and elections for new council officers will begin. I ask all brother knights to consider involvement for the task at hand. A nominating committee will soon be formed, please give thought to how you can become more engaged in council activities through an officer role.

A few weeks ago, the council hosted a wonderful event for the parish an "Irish Dinner". PGK Bill Bowen, PGK Mike Griffin and PGK Tony Ricchiazzi, did an exceptional job in the preparation of this great night. Brother Bill Bowen did an impressive job communicating the alcaldes to all involved, but I feel it important to emphasize my deepest appreciation to our Lady Knights. Deb Bowen, Diane Ricchiazzi, and Michelle Gousy went above and beyond to make this night a special occasion and without their support, it would not have been possible.

Which leads me to my next thought, Charity. Brothers, I remind you during your 1st Degree "Charity is the priceless gift placed by God in the human soul to measure man's allegiance to his Creator: this virtue, the holy exercise of which is within reach of prince or peasant..... bear in mind that true charity does not consist of gifts of money alone, it springs from kind actions." Charity of action is the ennobling virtue and essence of true knighthood in our Order. "Charity also begins at home". The next council event is the first father/daughter dance, hope to see you there.

I wish the good Lord's blessings to you and yours.
Will LeBrun, PGK
District Deputy

~ *Your Prayers are requested* ~

- † For repose of the soul of John J. Adams, deceased brother Knights and for unborn children.
- † For healing and comfort for; PGK/PFN Tom & Coleen Barry, PGK Mike Griffin and members of his family, Barb and Brett Hume, Don Como, Ivan LeBrun, Debby Bowen, Caroline Groves.
- † 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...* ~

- 👍 Council 10698 Member of the Month of March, PGK Mike Griffin.
- 👍 Antonio's Pizza, Belchertown, for their generous donation.
- 👍 All members that answer the call to volunteer and help with our council's activities.

~ *A Call to Serve* ~

- **HELPERS NEEDED** to help at our Father Daughter Dance at the CHMS cafeteria on Sunday, April 7th.
- **HELPERS NEEDED** 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.
- **Please volunteer** to help at all our council activities. *The more strands - the stronger the rope.*



*Fathers/daughters, grandfathers/granddaughters of all ages
are invited to share an evening together on*

Sunday, April 7th, 6p-8:30p

At Chestnut Hill Middle School cafeteria. Belchertown

We will have a Professional DJ & photographer.

Light refreshments will be served.

Tickets will be sold at the door:

\$20 per couple, \$5 for each additional daughter, granddaughter

Contact GK Kevin Bowen, 413.335.2762 to reserve tickets or for information.



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 Our council will sponsor an Easter Egg Hunt for children on
 Sunday, April 28th at 11:30am on church grounds
 (in the upper hall of the social center on case of poor weather).
 Helpers needed that day, starting at 10am for setup!
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~ '19 High School Graduate Scholarship ~

Our council is again offering a scholarship to deserving '19 high school graduates(s) of our community. Applications have been sent to area high schools, are posted/available on the parish's KofC council webpage and are available in the church gathering space.

Applications must be postmarked no later than 4/25.

~ *Mark your calendars* for K of C Council 10698's Activities ~

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

DATE/TIME:	EVENT/ACTIVITY:
Sun. Apr 7, 6p-8p	Council 10698 Father & Daughter Dance. CHMS cafeteria.
Mon-Wed, Apr 8-10	St. Francis of Assisi Parish Mission, 7p
Thu, Apr 18	Holy Thursday 5p Parish Pot Luck, Pine Room. 7p Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri. Apr 19	Good Friday, Way of the Cross Services 3p and 7p
Sun. Apr 21	EASTER
Sun. Apr 28 th	Childrens Easter Egg Hunt, 1130a on church grounds.

AT THIS TIME, there are no plans for our annual Golf tournament or Beer & Wine tasting events. If you will step up to coordinate these events, please contact Grand Knight Kevin Bowen, 413.335.2762



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Special thanks to Antonio's Pizza, Belchertown for their generous contribution to our council from our dining-in on Monday, March 28th. They graciously donated 15% of sales of food items purchased that evening.

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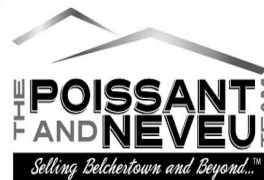
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