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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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JANUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

*Please share this
with family & friends*

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

~ What are the Knights of Columbus all about? ~

Here are a few things our council wants to brag about for what we do for our members, their families, the parish of St. Francis of Assisi and our community:

- ❖ Support our St. Francis of Assisi parish.
- ❖ Support our Catholic way of life through prayer and devotion.
- ❖ Assist members and their families in time of need.
- ❖ Support and participate in the 'Right to Life' Anti-Abortion programs and speak for the unborn.
- ❖ Sponsor seminarians through the KofC RSVP program.
- ❖ Donate funds to provide services and equipment to the physically challenged.
- ❖ Participate as a group in civic ceremonies and activities.
- ❖ Provide high school graduate scholarships.
- ❖ Donate funds in support of Belchertown Little League baseball and St. Francis Cub Scout Pack 507.
- ❖ Provide assistance and activities for the residents of the Soldiers Home in Holyoke, MA.
- ❖ Sponsor and support the annual K of C Youth Basketball Free-throw and Soccer contests.
- ❖ Perform usher duties at St. Francis of Assisi Masses.
- ❖ We have fun with our friends and families.

K of C COUNCIL 10698's **JANUARY 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Stupid people drink and drive. Don't be stupid!					1	2
					Happy New Year	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Council 10698 Exec Officer meeting 6:30p			Family Game Night 6:30p-8:30p	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Youth Basketball Free throw					
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Council 10698 Meeting 7p				
31	ASK CATHOLIC MEN YOU KNOW TO JOIN YOU IN MEMBERSHIP. CARRY A SIGNED FORM 100 WITH YOU ALWAYS.					
2 nd & 3 rd degrees at Elder 69						

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 10698 JANUARY 2016 Newsletter

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

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Once again we begin a new year with great excitement to discover what is in store for us. What does the new year mean to you?

To me it's all about reflection and anticipation. What did I do in the previous year? Did I achieve the goals I set for myself? What challenges did I conquer and which continue to need my attention? How many new friends did I make? How many did I lose? What's in store for me and my loved ones in the new year?

I think Benjamin Franklin said it best, *"Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man."* In my opinion this is the mantra for all of us for this and for every new year.

May the peace of Christ be with you always,
Bill Bowen, Grand Knight

~ Deputy Grand Knights Message ~

Hello brother Knights.

Merry Christmas! With 2015 coming to a close and a new year beginning, I'd like to express my deepest appreciation for the many moments you all have impacted me. As your Deputy Grand Knight and with the additional responsibilities of a District Deputy, I must admit that the Order of the Knights of Columbus has fulfilled all my expectations as an organization that serves as a strong support for its parish and community charities. Most importantly, its commitment to family and friendship makes me extremely proud to be a member of a group with such strong and deep-rooted values. As one brother Knight put it, the Knights of Columbus are the doers of the parish and community, helping to make life better.

It is an honor to be part of this council and I look forward to our future together.

Fraternally.

Will LeBrun

Deputy Grand Knight

~ Let Us Offer Prayers ~

- † For repose of the soul of baby Sweeney, Priscilla Towne.
- † For all deceased brothers of the Knights of Columbus and of our family members.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Your eternal light shine upon them. Amen
- † For improved health and comfort for; Terry Carney, Marcel and Jeanne Archambault, Tom Curto, Charles Lydon Sr., Elaine Lydon, John Paul Vanasse, John McHugh, Robert Hawley, Thomas Bowen and family, Ivan LeBrun, Chelsea Rose Phanuef, Al Roccanti, Michael DaCosta, Barbara Hume, Mary Rose Hurley, Noah Jubb, Robert Hayes.
- † For all those suffering in solitude in need of the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- † For all to learn and practice Christ's *Compassion, Understanding and Patience*.
- † For our government officials to maintain our rights, freedoms, safety and happiness.
- † For the safety and well-being of all serving in our military, police, fire fighters, and EMTs.

~ *Special Thanks & 'Hats Off'* ~

- To all brother Knights that come to our meetings and that help with our various activities to make their council, church and community stronger.

A toast and a big
THANK YOU to the
Poissant family for
sharing their home with
us at this year's council
Christmas party.
Everyone had a good
time with plenty of
revelry as they enjoyed
the delicious food. The
beverages, including
plenty of Guinness, was
compliments of PGK
Poissant.



Thanks to the Elves that decked our council hall

The children of Council 10698 Knights had a great time decorating our council hall for the Christmas season. Each enjoyed pizza and soft drinks and Santa left Star Wars action figures for each child as a thank you present for helping.



Thank you for your service to our community



The ***Community Options Christmas luncheon*** was held on December 8th, it was a beautiful day with a turnout of over 65 attendees. Much appreciation goes to the following brother knights and spouses who helped to make this occasion a success; GK Bill Bowen and wife Debby, PGK Mike Griffin, PGK Tony Ricchiazzi and wife Diane, PGK Terry Carney, Bob Christ, Bob Morin, Stan Antonovich, Pat Nee and Tom Curto. A special thanks to PGK Al Benoit for showing up at the right moment to save the day and travel to Springfield to purchase additional supplies needed for the First Degree and council meal for that evening. I would also personally like to express my sincere gratitude to event co-coordinator, Vic Tetreault, without his help this event would not be as successfully for all.

Fraternally Yours,
Will LeBrun, Deputy GK
Event Co-coordinator

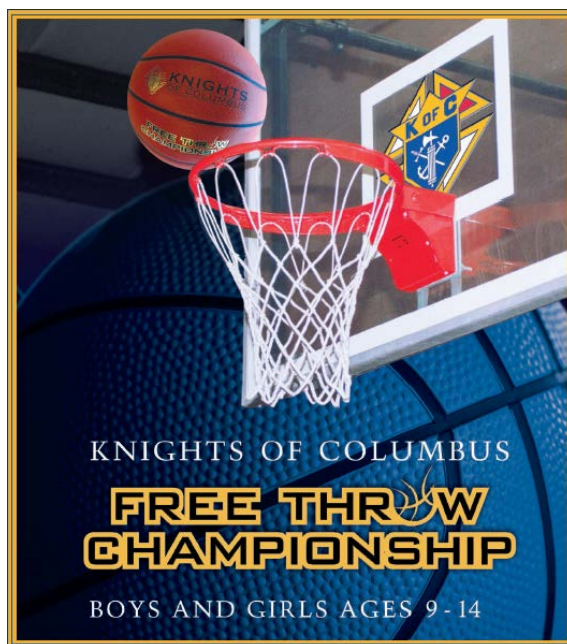
~ A Call to Serve ~

- **HELPERS NEEDED** at our Basketball Free Throw at 10a, Mon. Jan 18 at CHMS.
- **MEMBERS NEEDED** to provide the dinner for the first meeting of each month. Please see the Grand Knight to step up.
- **HELPERS NEEDED** at Holyoke Soldiers Home *every* Sunday to assist residents in wheelchairs between the elevator and the chapel. Helpers are asked to check in with the receptionist at 9:15am.

~ FAMILY GAME NIGHT ~



Our first monthly FAMILY GAME NIGHT will be held on **Friday, January 8th, 6:30p-8:30p** in the council hall. Bring your family to this fun event for games and refreshments. Our entertainment director Stephen Corbin is planning on making this event enjoyable for everyone! Donations of cards and board games needed. After this event, our Game Night will be on the first Friday every month.



All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in Council 10698's 2016 K of C Basketball Free throw competition. This year's event will be held in the gym at Chestnut Hill Middle School at **10am on Monday, January 18**. Last year's event was a big success and we expect more kids to take part. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in the event. Winners in each age group will progress to the district competition for a chance to compete in the state finals. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. Registration forms will be available on site. For additional information, or if you wish to receive an electronic copy of the entry form in advance of the event, contact Richard Poissant at 413.687.7902. Knights are needed to lend a hand with registrations, count, shagging and general help.

Sweetheart Dance

Saturday, February 13, 2016

Dinner & Dance \$35.00 Per Person

Dance Only @ 7:30 p.m. \$15.00 Per Person

Cocktails at 5 p.m.

Dinner at 6 p.m.



K of C Council 4044 invites members of Council 10698 to their annual event.

Included with each meal will be a cheese, fruit and veggie display,
a tossed salad, Duchess potato and vegetable medley.

Dessert will be a strawberry ice cream filled crepe with white chocolate sauce and
a raspberry coulis, garnished with fresh strawberries.

Tickets go on sale January 4th, 2016

every Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 6PM-8PM in the Castle of Knights Members Lounge, Chicopee.

For more information, call Joe or Dottie Turgeon at 413-536-4302

~ Irish Night Dinner ~



LET'S
EAT DRINK
AND BE IRISH

This year's Council 10698 **IRISH NIGHT** dinner will be held on
Sunday, March 13, 5:30pm-9:30pm at The Villa Rose on Rt. 21, Ludlow.
Enjoy an "*all-you-can-eat*" menu served family style of corned beef & cabbage, potatoes,
carrots, soda bread and dessert.

Cash Bar ~ Door prizes ~ 50/50 raffle ~ Entertainment
Tickets will begin selling at our council meetings beginning February 9th thru March 8th
and at St. Francis weekend Masses

Bring the family!

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

COUNCIL MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday every month; DINNER~ 6pm, MEETING~ 7pm
4th Tuesday every month; MEETING~ 7pm.

<i>DATE/TIME:</i>	<i>EVENT / ACTIVITY:</i>
Fri. Jan 8	FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6:30p-8:30p. Council hall.
Mon. Jan 18	Basketball Free Throw. Chestnut Hill Middle School. 10am
Sun. Jan 31	2nd & 3rd Degree, Elder Council 69, Chicopee
Fri. Feb 5	FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6:30p-8:30p. Council hall.
Sat. Feb 6	CUB SCOUT BRUNCH. Parish Pine Room. 10am. Helpers needed.
Sat. Feb 13	SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE. Council 4044 Castle of Knights
Fri. Mar 4	FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6:30p-8:30p. Council hall.
Sat. Mar 12	IRISH NIGHT dinner, Villa Rose, 5:30p-9:30p.

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Email your contributions to: btowncoordinator@charter.net.

Deadline to submit is no later than 6pm on the 4th Wednesday each month.

Every effort is made to ensure the content and information in this newsletter is accurate and informative.

Comments and corrections are welcome.

Our newsletter is also available ON-LINE at: www.stfrancisbtown.org/KofC.html

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Q: What is the most common remark made by seniors when they browse an antique store or tour the Museum of American History in Washington DC?

A: "I remember these!"



Grandpa was telling his young grandson on what life was like when he was a boy. "In the winter we'd ice skate on our pond and sled down the hills. In the summer we'd swim in the pond and pick berries in the woods. We'd swing on an old tire my dad hung from a tree on a rope. We'd ride our bikes everywhere and we played hide & seek, 'cops & robbers' or baseball until the porch lights came on."

The little boy was amazed, and sat silently for a minute.

Finally, he said, "Grandpa, I wish I'd gotten to know you a lot sooner!"