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**St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698**

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**FEBRUARY 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 **FEBRUARY 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
			Council Officer meeting 6:30p		Council 10698 <b>Game Night</b> adults only	Cub Scout Brunch 10am
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
		Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>			<b>Council 4044 Sweetheart Dinner</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Valentine's Day	<b>Presidents Day holiday</b>					
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
		Council 10698 Meeting 7p				
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	Ask catholic men you know to join you in Knights of Columbus membership. Carry a signed form 100 with you always.				

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# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 10698

## FEBRUARY 2016 Newsletter

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

### *~ From the Grand Knight ~*

Dear brother knights;

Our Supreme Knight Carl Anderson has called upon grand knights to reinforce Pope Francis' new alliance between the Church and the family. During the World Meeting of Families, Pope Francis called for a new alliance between the Church and the family. "May God grant us this gift of a renewed closeness between the family and the Church," the pope said. "Families need it, the Church needs it, and we pastors need it."

As Knights of Columbus our Holy Father asks us to:

- Collaborate with our pastors to promote greater incorporation of our councils into the life of our parishes.
- Accelerate our movement towards parish-based councils and away from the home association buildings.
- Commit to providing authentic and robust Catholic scouting experience through parish-based troops.
- Support for parish-based youth ministry efforts and full integration of Knights of Columbus youth activities, including active Squires circles, into the parish mission and pastoral strategy.

As your grand knight I am blessed with leading a council such as ours that already follows the Holy Father's request. Our active council members always do what is necessary to support our St. Francis parish and our diocese as a Catholic brotherhood based upon the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. We are dedicated to faithful and unparalleled service to the Church, our community and youth. We should be proud to be members of such a council.

I am pleased our ranks of dedicated men continues to grow. Recently we interviewed two new members for membership who will soon take their first degree and we have three members, Stephen Corbin, Timothy Haley and Kevin Bowen, advancing to the third degree on January 31<sup>st</sup> at Elder Council 69 in Chicopee. These men add to our awesome membership and have already proven they possess the characteristics our council and order needs to meet the Holy Father's request.

May we continue to serve in the capacity needed to protect our faith and our way of life.

May peace always be with you and your loved ones,

Bill Bowen

Grand Knight

### *~ Let Us Offer Prayers ~*

- † For repose of the souls of Tom Darcy, Gloria Slate, Teresa Laporte, Ed Forkey, all deceased brothers of the Knights of Columbus and their families.  
*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, 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.

# Council 10698 Officer Meeting

Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30p in the council hall.

All officers and PGKs are invited to help strategize our quarterly events and programs.

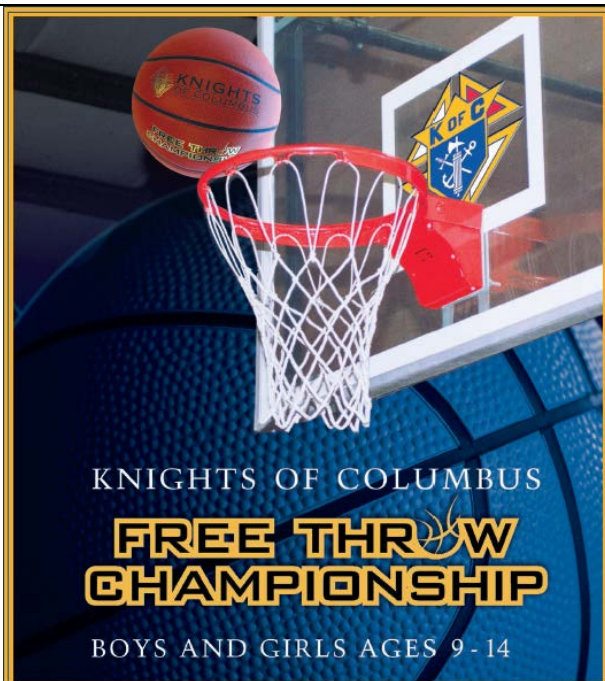
## ~ GAME NIGHT ~



Our **Adult GAME NIGHT** will be held on **Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30p-8:30p** in the council hall. This is an event with games and refreshments for council members and their adult guests.

BYOB. Muchies welcome.

Our Game Nights alternate between family and adult on the first Friday each month. The next **FAMILY** game night will be on March 4<sup>th</sup>.



Council 10698 will host the **District 2016 K of C Basketball Free throw competition** in the gym at **Chestnut Hill Middle School, Belchertown, MA** at **9:00a on Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>**.  
(Yes...Super Bowl Sunday)

Helpers needed and are asked to be there at 8:45a



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 of corned beef & cabbage, potatoes,  
 carrots, soda bread and dessert served family style

Ticket prices:

KofC Members & adult guests - \$17.50 pp  
 non-members - \$20pp

Children: 3-12 - \$7.50, under 3 free

Cash Bar ~ Door prizes ~ 50/50 raffle ~ Entertainment

Tickets will begin selling at our council meetings beginning February 9<sup>th</sup> thru March 8<sup>th</sup>  
 and at St. Francis weekend Masses

**Bring the family!**



## ~ *Children's Easter Egg Hunt* ~

This year's event will be held on Divine Mercy Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>, following the 10:30 Mass, the Knights of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698 and Fr. Vern will once again sponsor its annual Easter Egg Roll for parish and council children/grandchildren ages 8 and under. The hunt starts around 12 noon on the St. Francis church grounds (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 pictures with them during the event. Don't miss out on this great event for kids to celebrate the Easter Season. To make a donation please contact PGK Tom Grady 413.323.4036

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



## ~ Our 6th annual Beer and Wine Tasting ~

has been scheduled for

6-9pm on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>  
at Hadley Farms Meeting House, Hadley, MA.

Ticket price \$35.00pp (*must be over 21 yrs of age*).

We will have luxurious appetizers and cheese & crackers served 'butler' style,  
a 'Silent Auction' and a 50/50 raffle.

Lodging is available within walking distance, 100ft across the parking lot,  
at the Hampton Hilton with heated indoor pool and free breakfast for \$99 per room.

We need gifts from companies and/or donations.

If you can give us your support, please contact:

PGK Rob Krafchuk  
District Deputy #3  
413-244-3682 cell  
540 State St., Belchertown MA 01007

## ~ *High School Graduate Scholarships* ~

Council 10698 offers scholarships to 2016 high school graduates. Scholarships are awarded to Belchertown residents continuing their education by entering college, university, trade school or an institute of higher learning. Scholarships are awarded based on GPA, school activities, community service, financial need and family hardship. Those interested should contact their school's guidance office for an application or Grand Knight Bill Bowen, 413.687.7962.

## ~ *A Call to Serve* ~

- **HELPERS NEEDED** on Saturday, Feb 6 at 9:30a to help Chef Dell'Olio with preparations and serving at the St. Francis of Assisi Cub Scout Pack 507 Brunch.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to act as chef to provide the dinner for the first meeting of each month. Please see the Grand Knight to step up and impress your council.
- **HELPERS NEEDED** on *every* Sunday to assist Holyoke Soldiers Home residents in wheelchairs between the elevator and the chapel. Helpers are asked to check in with the receptionist at 9:15am.

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

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**COUNCIL MEETINGS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday every month; DINNER~ 6pm, MEETING~ 7pm  
4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month; MEETING~ 7pm.

DATE/TIME:	EVENT / ACTIVITY:
Wed. Feb 3	Council 10698 Officer meeting, 6:30p
Fri. Feb 5	Adult GAME NIGHT 6:30p-8:30p. Council hall. BYOB. Munchies welcome
Sat. Feb 6	<b>CUB SCOUT BRUNCH.</b> 10a Parish Pine Room. Helpers needed at 9:30a.
Wed. Feb 10	<b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>
Sat. Feb 13	<b>SWEETHEART DINNER DANCE.</b> Council 4044 Castle of Knights
<b>Wed. Feb 24</b>	<b>Deadline to submit to newsletter</b>
Fri. Mar 4	<b>FAMILY GAME NIGHT</b> 6:30p-8:30p. Council hall.
Sun. Mar 13	<b>IRISH NIGHT</b> dinner, Villa Rose, 5:30p-9:30p.
<b>Wed. Mar 23</b>	<b>Deadline to submit to newsletter</b>
Fri. Mar 25	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
Sun. Mar 27	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
Fri. Apr 1	Adult GAME NIGHT 6:30p-8:30p. Council hall. BYOB. Munchies welcome
Sun. Apr 3	Children's Easter Egg Hunt, St. Francis church
Sat. Apr 30	Beer & Wine Tasting, Hadley House, Hadley, MA

*Have you found the C U P?*

## **!! HELP US SAVE \$\$ !!**

Every printed copy of this newsletter sent out via the U.S. Postal Service costs the council for time, materials and postage to mail it to you. Help reduce these costs if you have an email address.

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Email your contributions to: [btowncoordinator@charter.net](mailto:btowncoordinator@charter.net).

Deadline to submit is no later than 6pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 available ON-LINE at: [www.stfrancisbtown.org/KofC.html](http://www.stfrancisbtown.org/KofC.html)

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Council 10698's insurance field agent.

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Open 11:00 AM - 11:30 PM

Look for them on Facebook.

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