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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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MARCH 2016 NEWSLETTER



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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 MARCH 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>"For God so loved the world He gave us His only Son."</i>		1	2	3	4	5
		V O T E				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Council 10698's Irish Night Dinner						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
First Day of Spring!!		Council 10698 Meeting 7p		Holy Thursday	 GOOD FRIDAY	
27	28	29	30	31	Ask catholic men you know to join you in Knights of Columbus membership. Carry a signed form 100 with you always.	
Easter Hallelujah, He is Risen		K of C Founders Day				

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 10698

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

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Brothers,

As catholic men we know during lent we must abstain from meat on Fridays and give up something in devotion to the sacrifice our Christ went through. In other words, we must spend 40 days in the desert just as Christ did. Can you imagine putting yourself through this type of hardship? It is difficult for me to believe I could survive. Could you?

During this time our church also asks us to GIVE, show devotion to our faith, to our community and to those in need. We may choose to give of ourselves by serving in a capacity such as; standing against abortion on March 14th, volunteering to help a food drive or our parish 'Take & Eat' program, serve in a soup kitchen, visiting those in hospitals, helping our seniors and our neighbors, attend your Knights of Columbus meetings and join an activity for our church and community.

As we approach Easter, please think about what sacrifice and gifts you have to offer.

May the peace of Christ always be with you and your loved ones,

Bill Bowen

Grand Knight

~ Let Us Offer Prayers ~

- † For repose of the souls of: Marilyn A. McKenzie and 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, Teri Bowen, Ivan LeBrun, Al Roccanti, Michael DaCosta, Barbara Hume, Mary Rose Hurley, Noah Jubb, Robert Hayes, Margaret Healy, PSD Tom Ledbetter, PSD John Rigali, FDD Norm Corriveau.
- † 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.

~ 2016 Membership dues ~

From the Financial Secretary,

Notices went out in December and January via USPS or email asking members to pay their 2016 dues.

Please check your membership card. Please call me if you do not have a membership card with an expiration date of **December 31, 2016**.

Norm Gousy, Financial Secretary

(413) 323-7959 (evenings)

**** **NOTICE** ****

The locks of the outer doors on our council building have been re-keyed/changed. Old keys are useless. Standing officers and active PGKs of our council may sign out a new key from Warden Brian O'Leary or GK Bill Bowen at council meetings.

~ 40 Days of Life ~

“Human life is sacred and inviolable at every moment of existence, including the initial phase which precedes birth. All human beings, from their mother’s womb, belong to God who searches them and knows them, who forms them and knits them together with his own hands, who gazes on them when they are tiny shapeless embryos and already sees in them the adults of tomorrow whose days are numbered and whose vocation is even now written in the ‘book of life.’ There too, when they are still in their mothers’ womb—as many passages of the Bible bear witness—they are the personal objects of God’s loving and fatherly providence.” (*Evangelium Vitae*, 61).

The St. Francis of Assisi parish participates in the 40 Days for Life vigil in the Springfield Area. This is an event where we bear witness to the words of St. John Paul II above by gathering in front of the Planned Parenthood office on Wason Street in Springfield in solidarity with are fellow parishioners. Please consider devoting a small part of your day to stand up for a Culture of Life here in these United States. Our parish is scheduled on Monday, March 14th from 8AM to 5PM. There will be a signup sheet after masses beginning in March. Please call me if you have any questions. If you can’t come to the vigil in Springfield, please continue to keep the unborn in your prayers.

Norm Gousy
(413) 323-7959 (evenings)

~ ***FAMILY GAME NIGHT*** ~



Our FAMILY GAME NIGHT will be held
on

Friday, March 4th, 6:30p-8:30p
in the St. Francis Social Ctr pine
room. This is an event with games
for all ages.

BYO refreshments

Munchies/snacks welcome.

Our Game Nights alternate between
family and adult on the first Friday each
month.



Everyone is invited to Council 10698's

IRISH NIGHT DINNER

Sunday, March 13, 5:30pm-9:30pm

at The Villa Rose on Rt. 21, Ludlow.

Enjoy an "all-you-can-eat" dinner menu served family style of:
corned beef & cabbage, potatoes, carrots, soda bread and dessert

Ticket price per person:

KofC Members & adult guests ~ \$17.50

Non-member adult ~ \$20

Children: 4-12 ~ \$7.50, 3 & under ~ free

Cash Bar ~ Door prizes ~ 50/50 raffle ~ **FUN!**

Tickets on sale at our council meetings, from The Villa Rose and
at St. Francis weekend Masses until March 8.

Contact GK Bill Bowen 323-7080 to reserve tickets and pay at 'Will Call' at the door.

Proceeds to benefit the KofC seminarian support- RSVP

Easter Egg Hunt



On Divine Mercy Sunday 4/3, the St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus council and Fr. Vern invite the small children of the parish and council to their annual Easter Egg Roll! This free event for parish and council children ages 8 and under starts around 12noon outside Chestnut Hill Community school following the Generations of Faith session that morning (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 the kids to continue to celebrate the Easter season!

Donations Needed! To help defray the cost of the Easter Egg Roll, the council is looking for donations of cash or candy towards this annual even our council and Chaplain Fr. Vern sponsors for the children/grandchildren of the parish and council. If donating bag(s) of candy, please be sure the candy is bit-sized (fit in a small Easter plastic egg), individually wrapped, and most importantly, they contain NO peanut-based ingredients. You can make donations at the March council meetings or by calling Chair PGK Tom Grady at 413-323-4036.

~ Basketball Free Throw District III Contest ~



KofC Council 10698 hosted the District III basketball free throw competition on Feb 7th. Advancing to the regional competition in West Springfield representing our council are: Girls age 9- Mattingly Marques, Girls age 10-Olivia Lafayette, Boys age 10-Nicholas Adzima, Boys age 11- Tyler McDonald, Boys age 12- Benjamin Laughner, Boys age 14- Hunter Klingensmith. Congratulations to our champions and good luck!

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



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Saturday, April 30th 6p-8p

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'Silent Auction' and a 50/50 raffle 8p-9p.

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Ticket price: \$30 pp KofC members: \$25 pp

(must be over 21 years of age - proof req'd)

For tickets, to donate or information, contact:

The Village Package Store

16 Federal St., Belchertown, MA, phone 413.323.7096

Rob Krafchuk: 413-244-3682

Chuck Lydon: 413-364-4854

Ray Fontaine: 413-537-4086



~ *High School Graduate Scholarships* ~

St. Francis of Assisi 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. Applications **MUST BE RECEIVED** by Council 10698 no later than April 15, 2016. Those interested should contact their school's guidance office for an application or Grand Knight Bill Bowen, 413.687.7962.

The Massachusetts Knights of Columbus will award five \$1,000 scholarships to deserving 2016 high school graduates. The application may be found at the website <http://massachusettsstatekofc.org/>. Applications **MUST BE RECEIVED** at the KofC state headquarters no later than April 1, 2016.

~ *A Call to Serve* ~

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to act as chef to provide the dinner for the May and June meetings. 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: 2nd Tuesday every month; DINNER~ 6pm, MEETING~ 7pm
4th Tuesday every month; MEETING~ 7pm.

DATE/TIME:	EVENT / ACTIVITY:
Fri. Mar 4	FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6:30p-8:30p. Pine room. BYO refreshments.
Sun. Mar 13	IRISH NIGHT DINNER , Villa Rose, 5:30p-9:30p.
Thu. Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day
Wed. Mar 23	Deadline to submit to April's council newsletter
Fri. Mar 25	GOOD FRIDAY
Sun. Mar 27	EASTER SUNDAY
Fri. Apr 1	Adult GAME NIGHT 6:30p-8:30p. Council hall. BYOB. Munchies welcome
Sun. Apr 3	Children's Easter Egg Hunt , 12noon, CHCS
Wed. Apr 27	Deadline to submit to May's council newsletter
Sat. Apr 30	Beer & Wine Tasting , Hadley House, Hadley, MA
Fri. May 6	FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6:30p-8:30p. Pine room. BYO refreshments
May, date tbd	Living Rosary at St. Francis of Assisi church



May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks.
May your heart be as light as a song.
May each day bring you bright, happy hours
that stay with you all the yearlong.
Have a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

!! 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.

Contact btowncoordinator@charter.net to get your newsletter via email.

Your information will not be shared and will be used only for
KofC Council 10698 purposes.

K of C Council 10698 Newsletter Editor~ GK Bill Bowen, phone: 413.687.7962

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 available ON-LINE at: www.stfrancisbtown.org/KofC.html

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

FREE advertising in our newsletter for Council 10698 members **and businesses that support our council!**

Do you have an invitation, something to sell or a business to advertise?

All you need to do is email your information to btowncoordinator@charter.net



John M. Peters, Jr.

Council 10698's insurance field agent.

John's contact information:

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