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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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APRIL 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 **APRIL 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
In celebration of their 66 th anniversary, on Friday, April 1 st , Dunkin' Donuts will provide a coffee and a donut to anyone exactly 66 years old. Valid Driver's License or Proof of age required.					1	2
					Family Game Night 6-8:30p	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
St. Francis Easter Egg Hunt		Council 10698 Officers meeting 6:30p				membership drive at St. Francis Masses
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
membership drive at St. Francis Masses		Council 10698 Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm			Council scholarship application deadline	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Patriot's Day		Council 10698 hosts AWA 4 th degree dinner/meeting			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Council 10698 Meeting 7pm	Newsletter submission deadline			Beer & Wine Tasting

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 10698

APRIL 2016 Newsletter

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

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Happy Easter to all.

On Easter Day I was going to paste a profound picture on my Facebook wall of an empty tomb with the rock rolled away. I thought about how it would be a good way to share the good news and express my joy to all my friends that Jesus has risen from the grave to join our Father in heaven.

Then something, a thought or perhaps an inspiration, made me realize I didn't need to do that. He is not gone; He did not disappear on the third day as many believe. I thought about how He is with me on Easter and every day of my life. We observe Easter to reinforce our belief and faith of His divine presence.

I thought about how often I find myself thinking of His sacrifice and how His selfless act of love for me should affect my life. I thought about how I am not the kind of man that deserves His love and then I thought about how, if I met Him, He would tell me that He loves me no matter what kind of person I am and to go forth practicing His teachings of compassion, understanding and patience.

Because of this belief I know each of us must strive to be a better person. As Knight's we must put away our petty grievances and use the foundations and the principles of our organization, Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism, every day to guide us on our path in becoming better people even though this is sometimes difficult when we're faced with opposition to our ideas, beliefs and our principles. We must try.

May the peace of Christ be with you always,

Bill Bowen

Grand Knight

~ Let Us Offer Prayers ~

- † For repose of the souls of: Robert Connolly, Ashley Guidon, Marcell Che, for all that have lost their life from terrorism and for all deceased brothers of the Knights of Columbus.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Your eternal light shine upon them. Amen
- † For improved health and comfort for; Marcel and Jeanne Archambault, Tom Curto, Charles Lydon Sr., Elaine Lydon, John Paul Vanasse, Thomas Bowen, Teri Terzi, Ivan LeBrun, Al Roccanti, Michael DaCosta, Barbara Hume, Mary Rose Hurley, 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 Christ's *Compassion, Understanding and Patience*.
- † For the safety and well-being of all serving in our military, police, fire fighters, and EMTs.

~ Hats Off and Thanks ~

- ~ To Warden Brian O'Leary for his hard work cleaning our hall and keeping our equipment serviceable.
- ~ To PGK Franco Dell'Olio, PGK Mike Griffin and PFN/PGK Tom Berry for stepping up to host and prepare the meal for the Archbishop Williams Assembly 4th Degree dinner meeting on April 20th.
- ~ To DD/PGK Rob Krafchuk for all the hard work he does for our fun and our fund raising.
- ~ To PGK Tom Grady for coordinating our Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the parish.
- ~ To DD/DGK Will LeBrun for being there whenever called upon to help.

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 April council meetings or by calling Chair PGK Tom Grady at 413-323-4036.

~ 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, April 14th from 8AM to 5PM. There will be a signup sheet after masses beginning in April. 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* ~



Friday, April 1st , 6:00p-8:30p

in the council hall.

Games for all ages.

BYO refreshments and
Munchies/snacks to share.

Our Game Nights are on
the first Friday each month.



~ *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, GK Bill Bowen, 413.323.7080, or DGK Will LeBrun, 213-0088.

4TH DEGREE DINNER MEETING

On Wednesday, April 20 at 7pm, Council 10698 will host the Archbishop Williams Assembly 4th Degree dinner & meeting in the pine room of the parish social center. Chef PGK Franco Dell'Olio will be preparing the meal with assistance from PGK Mike Griffin and PGK Tom Barry. Helpers welcome.

All members of the 4th degree are welcome.



Friday, April 15, 6pm-Midnight

at the Moose Family Center,
244 Fuller Rd., Chicopee, MA

Spaghetti dinner, salad, rolls.

Cash bar! **DJ Rafael!** Dancing! **Raffles!**

80's attire encouraged

Tickets: \$25 per person, \$40 per couple

Only 220 tickets will be sold 'first come, first served'

For tickets or more information contact

Anna Derosier: [413-218-3355](tel:413-218-3355)

Sinatra in Belchertown

.....At Least in Spirit



An Afternoon of "Old Blue Eyes" Hits

Sunday, April 10th, 1 p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Church, 24 Jabish St., Belchertown

presented by Prof. Jeff Holmes & Students of the UMass of Music Dept.

Tickets are: \$15 General Admission

\$12 for Students and Seniors

Available after Masses, at the door or call 323-6272 x1

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Saturday, April 30th 6p-9p

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

For tickets, to donate or information, contact:

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16 Federal St., Belchertown, MA, phone 413.323.7096

Rob Krafchuk: 413-244-3682

Chuck Lydon: 413-364-4854

Ray Fontaine: 413-537-4086

~ *A Call to Serve* ~

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at CHCS Sunday, April 3, immediately following the 10:30 Mass to help with our children Easter Egg Hunt. In parish social center upper level if weather poor.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** at St. Francis Masses Saturday, April 9 and Sunday, April 10, to help with our membership drive.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** act as chef to provide the dinner for the June meeting. 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.

<i>DATE/TIME:</i>	<i>EVENT / ACTIVITY:</i>
Fri. Apr 1	FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6:30p-8:30p. Council hall. BYOB. Munchies welcome
Sun. Apr 3	Children's Easter Egg Hunt , 12noon, CHCS
Tue Apr 5, 6:30p	COUNCIL 10698 OFFICERS MEETING
Sat/Sun, Apr 9/10	MEMBERSHIP DRIVE at all St. Francis weekend Masses.
Sun Apr 10, 1pm	SINATRA IN BELCHERTOWN CONCERT at St. Francis church.
Tue, Apr 12	6P COUNCIL DINNER/MEETING. 7p-1 st degree installation ceremony and Social meeting.
Mon Apr 14	40 DAYS OF LIFE vigil at Springfield Planned Parenthood. 8a-5p.
Fri, Apr 15	6p-2 nd & 7p 3 rd degree ceremonies. Council 4044, Chicopee, MA
Wed. Apr 20	Council 10698 hosts AWA 4 th degree dinner & meeting. Pine Room 7pm
Tue, Apr 26. 7p	Council business meeting
Wed. Apr 27	Deadline to submit to May council newsletter
Sat. Apr 30	BEER & WINE TASTING , Hadley Farms Meeting House, Hadley, MA
Fri. May 6	FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6:00p-8:30p. Council hall. BYOB. Munchies welcome
Tue, May 10	6P - DINNER / 7P - COUNCIL MEETING Nominations begin for '16/17 council officers.
Thu, May 19, 6:30p	LIVING ROSARY outdoors at St. Francis of Assisi church.
May 20-22	State Knights of Columbus conference, Hyannis, MA.
Tue, May 24, 7p	Council business meeting. Nominations for 2016/17 council officers.
Wed, May 25	Deadline to submit to June council newsletter
Mon, May 30	MEMORIAL DAY
Fri, Jun 3	FAMILY GAME NIGHT 6:00p-8:30p. Council hall. BYOB. Munchies welcome
Tue, Jun 14	6p Council Dinner. 7p Council business meeting, election of '16/17 officers.
Sun, Jun 19	FATHERS DAY
Tue, Jun 28	Council business meeting
Wed, Jun 29	Deadline to submit to July council newsletter

Have you found the C U P in this newsletter?

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

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St. Francis of Assisi Chapter

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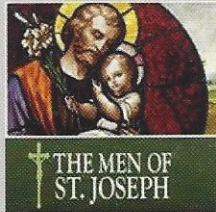
Parish Social Center/ Pine Room

Every Wednesday from 7:30-8:30

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