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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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MAY 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 **MAY 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
				Ascension of our Lord		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Mother's Day		Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p ~ Nominations				10am Council hall attic purge and cleaning
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Pentecost				Living Rosary	K of C State Convention	K of C State Convention
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
K of C State Convention		Council 10698 Meeting 7p ~ Nominations				Buy a poppy in remembrance of our fallen warriors
29	30	31	MEMORIAL DAY isn't about honoring veterans. It's a time to remember and honor those who lost their lives in battle for our freedom. There is no greater love than to lay down your life for another.			
	Memorial Day					

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 10698

MAY 2016 Newsletter

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

~ Chaplain's Message ~

Brother Knights,

As we enter this beautiful month of May we call to mind that it is the Month of Mary. With the recent visit of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima to the parish we are reminded how important and powerful the rosary of our Blessed Mother is in bringing peace to our lives and to this very troubled world of ours. I am so pleased that our council will host a living rosary on May 19th and in June, the Patriotic Rosary on the Town Common. Please come and bring your families to these celebrations so we might not only pray together but stand together for the Faith. God Bless, Fr. Vern

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Greetings brother knights,

Please help me in welcoming Bill Wessig, Dave Irwin and Jeff Pronovost, into our order as they began their journey to knighthood at our meeting on April 26th. Once again our council installation team performed an exemplary Admission (1st) ceremony to initiate these gentlemen. My compliments gentlemen. I also had the pleasure to accompany two of our members, Sir Gordon Quinn and Sir Robert Serrano as they advanced into the Knighthood (3rd) degree at the Castle of Knights on April 15th. Our membership is truly growing and I am pleased to tell you we are well on the way to achieving Star council status.

Our month of May will be very entertaining and busy. I sincerely hope each of you will take a moment to add the events found on the council calendar and the 3-month agenda in this newsletter to your personal calendars. We have many pleasurable events planned for you and your family and there are a few events or projects that need your help.

At our meetings in May our council will hold nominations for our 2016/17 officers. The election will be held at our June 14th meeting. There are a few seats needed to be filled as some officers may no longer serve or can move up. It would greatly help your council if you would offer to serve in some capacity. The demands and time asked of you is minimal. You will find your service fulfilling. Please step up for your council.

Please remember our fallen warriors on Memorial Day. All Knights are asked to participate in the parade and ceremony on Belchertown Common on Monday, May 30th. We will gather at our hall at 9:30am.

Bill Bowen, Grand Knight

~ Your Prayers are requested ~

- † For repose of the souls of Briana Cuoco and for all fallen warriors of the U.S. Armed Forces.
Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen
- † For healing and comfort for; Marcel and Jeanne Archambault, Tom Curto, Charles Lydon Sr., Elaine Lydon, PGK Fred LeBlanc, Matt Christ, Jody Wessig, PGK Tom Barry, Elizabeth Barry, Sara Jane Fontaine, John Paul Vanasse, Thomas Bowen, Teri Terzi, Ivan LeBrun, Al Roccanti, Michael and Gil DaCosta, Barbara Hume, Mary Rose Hurley, Noah Jubb, Stan Antonovich.
- † 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 comfort, safety and well-being of all serving in our military, police, fire fighters, and EMTs.

~ Hats Off and Thanks ~

- 👍 To the LeBrun Family for opening their home and inviting us to share in their annual pig roast.
- 👍 To DD/DGK LeBrun for volunteering to chair the B'town Fair committee.
- 👍 To FS Gousy, Chan DaCosta and Adv Vanasse for serving on the officer nomination committee.
- 👍 To DGK LeBrun, FS Gousy, Chan DaCosta for serving on the scholarship committee.
- 👍 To DD/PGK Krafchuk for chairing the Beer & Wine Tasting and our golf tournament.
- 👍 To Warden O'Leary for shouldering the responsibility to purge and clean the council hall attic.
- 👍 To Pat Nee and the BHS Lacrosse team for volunteering to help with the attic purge.
- 👍 To all officers that serve our council.



Spring Clean-Up in May

Pine Valley Plantation requests volunteers for yard and general work for senior residents.

Your time will counts as community service work
If you can lend a hand, contact **Dick Kelleher 413.531.9630**
Thank you

Due to this busy month and summer activities
it has been decided to
suspend our Family Game Night
until after the B'town Fair.

~ Fourth Degree ~

The Archbishop Williams Assembly has recently updated their website, www.awa4thdegree.org. Please take a few minutes to browse the pages to see what we have been up to and to learn more about us! If you are interested in getting more involved with our Assembly, please feel free to call me. If you have an event that you would like our Honor Guard to attend, feel free to let me know or there is a link on our website to requests their presence. Thank you very much.

PFN/PGK Tom Barry, 323-4132, email: Tom@EducationalJourneys.com

~ A Call to Serve ~

- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** May 14th at 10 a.m. to help purge the attic of our council hall in preparation for remodeling.
- **OFFICERS NEEDED.** Members are needed to fill officer seats for our 2016/17 year. Please let our nomination committee know if you can step up when they call.
- **HELPERS NEEDED** on *every* Sunday to assist Holyoke Soldiers Home residents in wheelchairs between the elevator and the chapel. Volunteers are asked to check in with the receptionist at 9:15am.

IT'S ROASTING OVER AT OUR HOUSE...



**The LeBrun Family invites all members of
St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698
to their home on
SATURDAY JUNE 19TH at 1PM
to celebrate their**

4th Annual Pig Roast

post-wedding celebration and council picnic

79 OLD SAWMILL ROAD, BELCHERTOWN

**PLEASE RSVP by JUNE 10th
EMAIL – alebrun0088@charter.net
Or Wlebrun1@charter.net
PHONE – (413) 213-0088
TEXT – (843) 992-7580**

~ Living Rosary ~

The Knights of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698 invite all knights, their families, friends, parishioners and neighbors to join together for a Living Rosary on Thursday, May 19 at 7pm outdoors around the statue of our Holy Mother at St. Francis of Assisi church. Lawn chairs welcome. We will move inside the church in case of poor weather.

All are invited to the official blessing of MARY'S HOUSE OF PRAYER Sunday, May 22nd at 2 p.m.

Blessing and Prayer Service at St. Georges' Church
202 East Main Street Chicopee, MA
by the Most Reverend Bishop Mitchell T. Rozanski
Healing and Deliverance Ministry of the
Diocese of Springfield, Massachusetts
Social hour will follow.

~ Fortnight for Freedom ~

Worthy All,

You may recall, last June, we organized with our Worthy Chaplain Fr. Vern a "Fortnight for Freedom" Living Rosary on the Town Common. Overview can be found here:

<http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/fortnight-for-freedom/>

I have discussed doing this again with Fr. Vern, and he has enthusiastically agreed. We looked at calendars and landed on June 22nd at 7 pm. Rain location would be the upper social hall. There will be a simple collation of cookies, brownies, punch, coffee, tea in the Pine Room following the event.

All Knights of Council 10698 and their families and friends are urged to attend.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thx! PGK Tom Grady, 323-4036, email: tgradybtwn@gmail.com



F o r e !!

Our **Council 10698 6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**
is scheduled for

Sunday, August 28th

at Cold Springs Country Club, Belchertown.

The price per player will be \$100 which includes:
green fees, cart, morning refreshments and dinner.

“Closest-to-the Pin” hole, Putting contest, etc.

Sign up your foursome as soon as possible.

To sign up, to volunteer to help or for more
information contact:

Rob Krafchuk, 413.244.3682 or

Chuck Lydon, 413.283.8710



**Massachusetts
Knights of Columbus Day
With the Pawtucket Red Sox
Joint Mass & RI K of C Family Day
Sunday, July 17, 2016, 1:05 p.m.
PawSox vs. Charlotte Knights
(Chicago White Sox Farm Team)**

K of C price per person \$12.00 (Regular price \$13.00pp)

SPECIAL – SPECIAL

Each KofC \$12 ticket will receive a “PRE-LOADED TICKET” worth a Ballpark Credit of \$4 redeemable for merchandise or concessions.

**** The first 50 kids purchasing tickets will be invited on the field with the PAWSOX Mascots – “Paws” & “Sox” –



to say the pre-game “PLAY BALL”.

Purchase Early!!

Order your tickets through the State Office (781) 551-0628
This year's tickets will sell out very early - Don't be Shut out!!

Council Hall Attic Project

On Saturday, May 14th at 10am, Warden O'Leary will be leading the project to clean out the council hall attic in preparation for remodeling the area into a members lounge.

Workers needed. Please help. You will be fed!

Everything the council does not need/want/use will be cleared.

If you know of items that should be kept and used by the council, please help by stopping by before that date to move it/store it neatly in the screened storage area of the attic.

All unclaimed items will be either sold or discarded.

~ 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:
Sun. May 8	MOTHER'S DAY
Tue, May 10	6P - DINNER / 7P - COUNCIL MEETING Nominations begin for '16/17 council officers.
Sat. May 14, 10a	COUNCIL HALL ATTIC PURGE. Workers needed
Sun. May 15	PENTECOST
Thu, May 19, 7p	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, 6p	Deadline to submit to June council newsletter
Mon, May 30	MEMORIAL DAY Knights of Council 10698 are asked to march in the parade and participate in the ceremony on Belchertown Common. Suit or Sport coat & tie required.
Tue, Jun 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FLAG DAY. Wear Red, White & Blue • 6p Council Dinner. 7p Council business meeting. Election of 2016/17 officers.
Sun, Jun 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FATHER'S DAY • Pig Roast Picnic at the LeBrun's home. All council members invited.
Wed. Jun 22, 7p	"Fortnight for Freedom" Patriotic Living Rosary, B'town Common
Tue, Jun 28, 7p	Council business meeting
Wed, Jun 29, 6p	Deadline to submit to July council newsletter
Mon. July 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY
Sun. Jul 17	K of C PawSox game.

A monastery had a rule that monks may only speak two words every ten years.

Ten years after his arrival one monk spoke, "Food bad".

Another ten years went by and he added "Bed hard".

After another decade passed, the monk gazed towards the head monk and stated "I quit!"

"We knew you wouldn't last!" said the leader,

"You've been complaining since you got here!"

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"

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

FREE advertising!!

in our monthly newsletter for Council 10698 members and businesses that support our council.

All you need to do is provide your business card or email your information to btowncoordinator@charter.net

Men of St. Joseph

St. Francis of Assisi Chapter

"Put the family in the hands of the Father"

Parish Social Center/ Pine Room

Every Wednesday from 7:30-8:30

For additional information contact:

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413.323.7096

Email: villagepackage@yahoo.com

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(413) 323-6420

Open 11:00 AM - 11:30 PM

Look for them on Facebook.

Twitter: @McCarthysPubMA

Come to McCarthy's Pub and enjoy all the pleasures of delicious food, yummy libations, Western Massachusetts vibe and entertainment! This locally owned business is located adjacent to Belchertown Common within short miles of the idyllic Quabbin reservoir, the five college area and the MA turnpike. A stop at this shop is sure to please. Come on in for an excellent treat in a comfy and welcoming atmosphere.