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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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JUNE 2016 NEWSLETTER

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your family & friends*

Thanks for the honor to serve you as Grand Knight ~ Bill Bowen

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 JUNE 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Flag Day Tuesday, June 14th Celebrate our Stars & Stripes Wear Red, White & Blue			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Blue Sox baseball game		Council 10698 Dinner 6p Meeting 7p ~ ELECTIONS				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Father's Day- Parish picnic, LeBrun Pig roast			Fortnight for Freedom Patriotic Rosary			
26	27	28	29	30	Hope to see you at our K of C Council 10698 Annual picnic at the LeBrun's home on Sunday, June 19	
		Council 10698 Meeting 7p				

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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,

Let us not forget to remember our warriors that paid the supreme sacrifice in the fight for our freedoms on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30th. We will meet at our council hall at 9am for coffee and donuts. We will participate in the parade to the monuments and in the ceremony on the town common. We will assemble at Town Hall at 9:30am for the parade that steps off at 10am. Proper attire is required; weather permitting- jacket and tie or if the weather conditions are hot and humid- a polo shirt with the K of C emblem. Please dress accordingly. No tee shirts please.

It has been an honor to serve our council as your Grand Knight. Your dedication to our order and your help made my duties so much easier. I thank each and every one of you for helping to meet our membership quotas and for helping with our activities throughout the year. Indeed, any job is easier with many hands that help. I am proud to say our council is one of the best in the order. All of you should be as proud as I am to say you are a member of the Knights of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698.

I was lucky to have great people that served as council officers with me during the past year. Without such knights it would have been difficult to conduct our council business and have fun. I hope you had as much fun as I did.

I extend a special thanks to a few of the officers that made my job so much easier:

To our District Deputy Rob Krafchuk for the guidance and assistance he provided me. Taking the office of Grand Knight comes with many questions. I knew he was always there for me to guide me on the path to get things done. Not once did he ever say "I'm too busy" to me. I knew I could count on him whenever I needed his advice and directions. Thank you worthy District Deputy.

To our Financial Secretary Norm Gousy. Many don't know how much work is required of his position. He is truly an asset and I sincerely hope every member of our council will help him meet the requirements of his office. Simply paying your dues on time and submitting your yearly activity report as soon as possible is really all that he asks. Please help him meet the deadlines for which he is responsible.

To Council Treasurer Bob Christ,. You were always available and quick to help whenever needed. Our council was lucky to have you as our treasurer for so many years of service. It is nice to know you will still serve as a 3-year trustee. I'm certain your expertise will serve and guide the council well.

The election for the incoming council officers for our 2016/17 year will take place at our June 14th meeting. Please be there for them to assist in the same manner as you helped me after they take their offices on July 1. You made a difference to make my term easier. Please do so for them.

Brothers, this will be the last newsletter I write as your Grand Knight. The year went so fast. It was fun and interesting being Grand Knight to such a diverse group of men. You truly are extraordinary. I hope you were as pleased with my administration as I am for your trust in me. If there is anything I may do for you, please feel free to contact me at any time. It will be my pleasure to be there for you.

Vivat Jesus,

Bill Bowen

Grand Knight

~ *Your Prayers are requested* ~

- † For repose of the souls of: Elizabeth E. Barry, mother of PGK/PFN Thomas Barry; Auburn police officer Ronald Tarentino Jr.; John Choate, Makayla Guerriero and for all members of our military that lost their life in the fight protecting our freedoms.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and may Your perpetual light shine upon them and may their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

- † For healing and comfort for; Fr. Vern Decoteau, PGK Fred LeBlanc, PGK Tom Barry, Marcel and Jeanne Archambault, Tom Curto, Charles Lydon Sr., Elaine Lydon, Matt Christ, Jody Wessig, 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 Warden Brian O'Leary, for a job well done coordinating the cleaning/purging the 2nd floor of our council hall in preparation for remodeling it into a lounge area.
- 👍 To Coach Pat Nee and the BHS Lacrosse team for helping with cleaning/purging the attic.
- 👍 To all the council brothers and their family members that joined us in our Living Rosary on May 19th. It was a very meaningful and profound moment in prayer for the unborn.
- 👍 To all 2016/17 Council 10698 officers that served unselfishly to better our council.
- 👍 To all of the men that accepted a nomination to serve as a Council 10698 officer for 2016/17.
- 👍 To Brother Jeff Pronovost for his generous offer of a cord of wood for the Town Fair raffle and for offering the use of his skills and equipment to renovate the attic lounge.

~ *A Call to Serve* ~

- **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.
- **HELPERS WILL BE NEEDED** to support our parish tag sale. Information available in the parish bulletin.

“St. Joseph: A Model of Compassion and Humility”

A special presentation by Fr. Warren Savage, 6pm – Wednesday June 15 at St Francis of Assisi Parish. We will celebrate Mass followed by a presentation which will focus on compassion and humility as two essential spiritual attributes fathers need to nurture and strengthen in their relationship with their wives, children, extended family, neighbors, coworkers, etc. The whole parish is invited to attend this special event. “Fathers” represent families, which means other members of the parish family might be interested in attending this special event during this **Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy**.

All are invited to the official blessing of MARY'S HOUSE OF PRAYER **Sunday, June 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 decided 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



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

4th Annual Pig Roast

For a post-wedding celebration and council picnic

79 OLD SAWMILL ROAD, BELCHERTOWN



PLEASE RSVP by JUNE 10th

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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!!



F o r e !!

Our **Council 10698 6TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Sunday, August 28th at Cold Springs Country Club, Belchertown.

The price per player will be \$100 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

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

<i>DATE/TIME:</i>	<i>EVENT / ACTIVITY:</i>
Sun. Jun 12	BLUE SOX BASEBALL GAME, HOLYOKE, MA
Tue, Jun 14	 FLAG DAY. Wear Red, White & Blue
Sun, Jun 19	HAPPY FATHER'S DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PARISH PICNIC on the rectory lawn immediately following the 10:30am Mass. • 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
Mon. July 4	
Sun. Jul 17	K of C family day at the PawSox game, McCoy Stadium, Pawtucket, RI
Sat. Aug 27	St. Francis Parish Tag Sale
Sun, Aug 28	Council 10698 6th annual Golf Tournament, Cold Springs CC

K of C Council 10698 Newsletter Editor~ GK Bill Bowen, phone: 413.323.7080

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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Men of St. Joseph

St. Francis of Assisi Chapter

"Put the family in the hands of the Father"

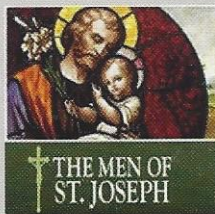
Parish Social Center/ Pine Room

Every Wednesday from 7:30-8:30

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Look for them on Facebook.

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