



St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

*Please share this with
your family & friends*



*For us was born our Savior.
May you and your loved ones have a joyous Christmas*

- The Knights of Columbus was founded in 1882 by Father Michael J. McGivney, in New Haven, CT.
- It is a strong supporter of the Catholic Church, both in deeds and financially, from the parish level to the Vatican.
- Is a strong defender of the Culture of Life against abortion and assisted suicide.
- It has an international membership of over 1.8 million devoted Catholic men.
- It is a family oriented fraternal organization based on the principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism open to all practicing Catholic men eighteen years older.
- Its benefits, services, insurance and programs are available to every member in good standing and their family.
- The members of Knights of Columbus St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698 devote themselves to their parish, their community, their families, their fellow members and their families.

K of C COUNCIL 10698's **DECEMBER, 2016**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
						Children's Deck the Hall Party Noon to 2pm
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
"Singing Priest Concert"		St. Francis Crèche Lighting 7pm				Poissant's Christmas Party
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Community Options Luncheon ***** Council 10698 dinner 6p meeting 7p				Breakfast with Fr. Jack ----- Wreaths across America
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Council hosts 4th Degree dinner - 6pm Mtg. - 7pm			Christmas Eve
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Christmas		Council 10698 Meeting 7pm				New Year's Eve

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI COUNCIL 10698

December 2016 Newsletter

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

~ Grand Knight's Message ~

Brother Knights and Families,

We have a wonderful holiday season in front of us to gather with our friends and family to prepare and celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. For many this means worshiping during Advent, listening to Christmas carols, decorating our homes, parties, trips to Santa, shopping for presents, searching through heirloom recipes to prepare for feasting and the gathering of loved ones.

I sincerely hope all will join the many events with our council to bring us into the Christmas spirit; our parish lighting of our beautiful nativity crèche, decking our K of C Hall, helping serve the challenged a wonderful Christmas feast at the Community Options luncheon, and let's not forget the annual Christmas party hosted by the Poissant family in their home. I look forward to joining in the beautiful and meaningful Mass at St. Francis on Christmas Eve or Day in celebration of the birth of the Son of God, given to us so that we may live eternally in His light and peace.

Please come to the breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 17 in honor of Fr. Jack, good time planned for all. We are blessed to celebrate Christmas. May the joys of the season be with you and yours. Let us offer prayers for those less fortunate and alone.

Merry Christmas and a safe New Year to all!

Fraternally yours,

Will LeBrun, Grand Knight

Vivat Jesus

~ Your Prayers are requested ~

- † For repose of the souls of Fr. Vernon Decoteau, Joan Gay and the souls of unborn children lost from abortion and all those killed by violence or acts of terror.

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; Fr. Jack Sheaffer, PGK Terry Carney, Wayne Griffin, Barb Hume, Vic Tetreault, Charles Lydon Sr., Thomas Bowen, 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 comfort, safety and well-being of all that protect our safety and freedoms by serving in our military, police, fire fighters, and EMTs.

~ Hats Off & Thank You to:

- 👍 PGK Bill Bowen and Brother Dave Vacchi raising funds for the parish organ raising \$3,600.00
- 👍 Brothers Kevin Bowen and Stephen Corbin with their time during the Tootsie Roll drive to raise funds for this worthy charity.
- 👍 Brothers Tom Curto, Paul Vanasse, Mike Griffin, Norm Gousy and Michelle Gousy for set-up, food prep and clean-up of the Thanksgiving Turkey Family dinner.
- 👍 Warden Jeff Pronovost for his work in the council hall.

~ *A Call to Serve* ~

- **HELPERS NEEDED every Sunday** at the Holyoke Soldiers Home to assist residents in wheelchairs attend church services. Helpers will assist residents between the elevator and the chapel before and after services. Volunteers must check in with the receptionist at 9:15am.
- **Help needed for the Community Options luncheon on Dec. 13th** from **11:00 am to 3:00 pm**. This is a wonderful event to donate your time of a few hours for a great cause and experience.
- **Our council** is hosting the **AWA Fourth Degree Assembly a dinner meeting on Dec. 21st @ 6:00 pm**, if you have not attended a Fourth Degree in a while, this dinner and meeting is a good time.
- **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.

~ *K of C Council 10698 Annual Youth Soccer Challenge* ~



Council 10698 was well represented at the K of C State youth soccer championship competition. We are so proud of the kids of our community that represented us. **CONGRATULATIONS** to:

Boys:

Age 9-Daniel Laughner 4th Place
Age 10-Henry Poissant 1st Place
Age 11-Nicholas Adzima 1st Place
Age 12-Christopher Adzima

Girls:

Age 10-Tamenech Laughner 1st Place
Age 11-Lauren Piwcio 2nd Place

~ *Breakfast with Fr. Jack* ~

Knights and their immediate family members are invited to a breakfast in honor of Father Jack
at 10am, Saturday, December 17th
in the parish pine room

There is only room for 100 people to be served. Free tickets will be handed out on a “first come, first served” basis to knights in good standing of St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698. We will need your help serving the breakfast and need a head count for those helping so we can deduct that number of people. Your ideas are welcome. Tickets available at council meetings or contact.

Rob Krafchuk, PGK/District Deputy 2, cell # 413.244.3682 or email rkrafchuk@aol.com



Deck the Halls

~ *Fa la la la la...*

la la la la ~

Children and grandchildren of Council 10698 members are invited to our annual 'Deck the Council Hall' party

Saturday, December 3rd, 12 noon – 2pm.

Pizza! Soda! Treats!



Family Hockey Night!

Saturday, January 14th, 7pm.

Have fun with your friends & family at Council 10698's family activity night at the Mass Mutual Center to watch the visiting Providence Bruins take on the Springfield Thunderbirds.

Tickets are \$12 per person for designated seating in lower section 2.

Free parking in the Mass Mutual parking garage.

Tickets available at Council 10698 meetings or contact
PGK Bill Bowen at 323-7080, email: btowncoordinator@charter.net



*You're Invited to the Poissant Family's Annual
Knights of Columbus Belchertown Council
Christmas Party 2016*

When: Saturday, December 10th, 6:30 PM

Where: 50 Oasis Drive, Belchertown, MA

Directions:

From Intersection of Routes 9 and Route 202 (CVS Plaza) continue on 202 North for 3 miles, turn left onto Munsell St., continue 1 mile on Munsell St., turn left and we are the dark green house at end on right of the cul-de-sac.

What to bring:

The Poissants will provide drinks. If you can, please bring either an appetizer (the oven will be available as needed) or a dessert to share.

If it's not easy for you to bring something, please come anyway - the more the merrier!

Food drive: Sophie and Henry Poissant will once again be happy to accept donations at the party for the St. Francis Food Pantry.

Please RSVP: 323-8089 or spoissant@yahoo.com

THE SINGING PRIESTS

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Sunday, December 4th, 3pm

Bellamy School, Chicopee, MA

The Singing Priests of the Springfield Diocese will present an Advent/Christmas concert in memory of Father Vern on Sunday, December 4th at 3pm at the Bellamy School in Chicopee. The proceeds of the concert will be donated to the St. Francis Church Organ System Fund. Tickets for the concert are \$25 each and may be purchased:

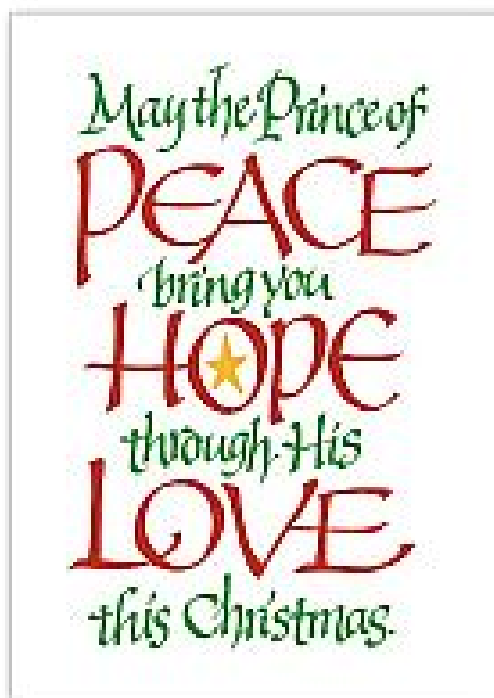
- after all St. Francis Masses,
- by calling our parish Business Office 413-323-6272 ext 1,
- by calling Catholic Communications at 413-452-0643.

~ K of C Council 10698's Activity 3 MONTH Agenda ~

Mark your calendars!

Council meetings (every month): **2nd Tuesday**- Dinner 6p, meeting 7p. **4th Tuesday**, meeting 7p

<i>DATE/TIME:</i>	<i>EVENT / ACTIVITY:</i>
Sat. Dec 3, 12 noon	CHILDREN'S 'DECK THE COUNCIL HALL' PARTY
Sun. Dec 4, 3p	SINGING PRIESTS CONCERT. Bellamy M.S., Chicopee
Tue. Dec 6, 7p	LIGHTING OF THE ST. FRANCIS CRÈCHE , in front of the parish business office.
Sat. Dec 10	POISSANT'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY. MORE INFO TO FOLLOW
Sat. Dec 17, 10am	BREAKFAST WITH FR. JACK , Pine room
Sun. Dec 25	CHRISTMAS
Sat. Jan 14, 7p	FAMILY HOCKEY NIGHT Providence Bruins Vs Springfield Thunderbirds



Please support these businesses that help our council!

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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McCarthy's Pub

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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, located adjacent to Belchertown Common, is 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.



Advertising in Council 10698's monthly newsletter is FREE to all members of K of C Council 10698 and for businesses that help Council 10698 in fund-raising efforts. Contact the editor if you would like to advertise your business/service.

K of C Council 10698 Newsletter Editor~ PGK 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.

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- St. Francis of Assisi website: www.stfrancisbtown.org,
- Click on "KofC Council #10698" link in the top section and clicking on the newsletter you would like to view

or

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