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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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JANUARY 2015 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year

Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

~ What do the Knights of Columbus do? ~

Here are a few things we want to brag about our council for what we do for our members, their families, the parish of St. Francis of Assisi and our community:

- ❖ Assist members and their families in time of need.
- ❖ Donate funds to provide services and equipment to the physically challenged.
- ❖ Support and participate in the 'Right to Life' Anti-Abortion programs and demonstrations for the unborn.
- ❖ Participate as a group in civic ceremonies and activities.
- ❖ Sponsor seminarians through the KofC RSVP program.
- ❖ Provide high school graduate scholarships.
- ❖ Donate funds in support 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 contest.
- ❖ Perform Usher duties at St. Francis of Assisi Masses.
- ❖ Support our Catholic way of life through prayer and devotion.
- ❖ We just have fun with our friends and families.

K of C COUNCIL 10698's JANUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Happy New Year	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Council 10698 Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Scholarship committee meeting 7pm	21	22	23	24 Family Night S'fld Falcons hockey game
25	26	27 Council 10698 Meeting 7pm	28	29	30	31

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Newsletter

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

~ *Your Prayers are Requested* ~

- † For improved health and comfort for; Beth Buczko, Pat Jasmin, DD Bill Huber, PGK Stan Wyman, Stan Antonovich, Elaine Lydon, , Mike Crowner, Mary Rose Hurley, Kathy Wynat, Anna Grady, Charles Lydon Sr., Noah Jubb, Paul Ricci.
- † For all those suffering in solitude in need of the healing power of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- † For all to practice Christ's *Compassion, Understanding and Patience*.
- † For our government officials to maintain our rights, freedoms, safety and happiness.
- † For all serving in our military, police, fire fighters, and EMTs to be safe from danger and injury.

~ *Was your name drawn?* ~

At each council meeting members put a quarter 'into the pot' to be eligible to win a cash prize of up to \$50. The names are drawn from the council's member list. The member must be present to win!

The names drawn at the November meetings were:

Dec 9th- Thaddeus Wegrzyn, not present

Dec 23- Wil LeBrun- present!!



The St. Francis Knights of Columbus Council 10698 is sponsoring a family night to the Providence Bruins vs. the Springfield Falcons hockey game at the Mass Mutual Center on Saturday, Jan 24th, 7pm.

Boston Bruins emcee Rene Rancourt will be on-hand to open the game and autographs.

Tickets are \$13 ea. (normally \$25), available in the gathering space after weekend Masses or by contacting PGK Rob Krafchuk, 323-6625 or Bill Bowen, 323-7080.

~ *Youth Basketball Free-Throw Competition* ~

Spread the word to friends and family~

Girls and boys ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the Knights of Columbus Basketball Free-Throw Competition at Belchertown's Old Town Hall at 5pm-7pm on Tuesday, February 10th. All girls and boys compete in their respective age and gender divisions. Winners progress through local, district and state competitions. International champions are announced by the K of C headquarters based on scores from the state level competitions. Since its beginning in 1972, over 2.5 million youths have participated in the contest. All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation. Participants are required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Patrick Nee Patrick@admin.umass.edu.

~ *K of C Council 10698 Scholarship* ~

Our council has established a scholarship program and revolving fund, for the purpose of awarding scholarships to qualified graduating seniors that are; residents of Belchertown, MA or a graduating senior of Belchertown HS or a member of the parish of St. Francis of Assisi or an immediate relative (son/grandson, daughter/granddaughter) of a member of KofC 10698. Approved by membership at council meeting on Dec 23rd, 2014.

The award amounts in a given year shall be:

- a minimum of \$100, and
- a maximum annual total award not to exceed half of the current balance of the scholarship revolving fund as of May 1st of each calendar year.

Scholarships in principle will be awarded based upon:

1. Need
2. Merit
3. A high school graduating senior who manifests the same principles of the Knights of Columbus Order of *Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism* through service to their religious, civic or school community.

Specific details, scholarship names, number of scholarships, evaluation and other criteria to be developed by a scholarship development committee whose chair will be appointed by the Grand Knight. Thereafter, a scholarship review committee, as appointed by and with the Grand Knight as honorary chair, shall advertise, solicit, review, and select scholarship recipients based upon said criteria above. Funding of the scholarship revolving fund can be achieved via donations, fundraising events, and/or transfers of no more than 5% of the Council's General Fund as of May 1st in the fraternal calendar year.

If there is more than one qualified applicant and one is a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, at least one scholarship will be awarded to the Catholic. Otherwise the scholarship review committee may determine the scholarships to award annually as noted above.

~ *Hats Off & Thank You* ~

- ☺ The ***Community Options Christmas luncheon*** was held on December 9th and despite the inclement weather there was a large turnout of over 70 attendees. Much appreciation goes to the following brother knights and spouses who helped to make this occasion a success; Mike Griffin PGK and wife Betty, Tony Ricchiazzi PGK and wife Diane, Richard Poissant PGK and wife Sarah, Chuck Lydon GK, Bob Christ, Bob Morin, Stan Antonovich, and event coordinator, Vic Tetreault.
- ☺ To the Poissant family for opening their home to members of our council in celebration of the Christmas season. Thank you for a wonderful evening.
- ☺ To Brother John Hawley for conducting a class in CPR.

Sweetheart Dinner

Take your sweetheart to a wonderful dinner on

Sunday, February 15, 5:30pm

At The Villa Rose, Rt. 21, Ludlow, MA

*Enjoy a full course menu, Cash bar,
Dancing, Karaoke and Raffle prizes.*

Tickets are \$20 each or \$35 per couple.

*Tickets will be available in the St. Francis gathering space after
weekend Masses beginning Jan 24th*

Or

By contacting Bill or Debby Bowen, 323-7080



Knights of Columbus Council 10698 **4th Annual Beer & Wine Tasting**

Saturday, February 28, 6-8pm

at The Villa Rose, Rt. 21, Ludlow, MA

Enjoy approx. 30 fine wines, "Special Microbrew" beers,
a full buffet dinner and raffle prizes.

Tickets are \$25 per person

(must be 21 or older)

available at the Belchertown Village Package Store, in
the St. Francis gathering space after weekend masses
beginning Jan 24th, or by contacting:

GK Chuck Lydon, 283-8710

PGK Rob Krafchuk, 323-6635

Ray Fontaine, 323-9308

~ A Call for Volunteers ~

- **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** each month; DINNER~ 6pm, MEETING~ 7pm
 4th Tuesday each month; MEETING~ 7pm.

<i>DATE:</i>	<i>ACTIVITY:</i>
Tue, Jan 20 7pm	Council Scholarship committee meeting, council hall
Sat., Jan 24	Council Family Night : Spfld Falcons hockey game
Tue. Feb 10 5pm	Council Basketball Free-throw competition. Old Town Hall
Sun. Feb 15	Sweetheart Dinner. Villa Rose, Ludlow, MA
Feb 21	District Basketball Free-throw, St. John the Baptist, Ludlow
Sat., Feb 28	4th Annual Beer & Wine Tasting, Villa Rose, Ludlow, MA
Wed., Mar 4	Regional Basketball Free-throw contest
Sat. Mar 14	Annual K of C Council 10698 St. Patrick's Dinner, Villa Rose, Ludlow, MA

Deputy Grand Knights Corner

"Amish Mall visit"

An Amish family decided to visit a local mall during the Christmas season to see the bright lights. Two of them, a fifteen year old boy and his father separated from the group, were amazed by almost everything they saw, but especially by two shiny silver walls that could move apart and then slide back together again.

The boy asked, 'What is this Father?'

The father (never having seen an elevator) responded, 'Son, I have never seen anything like this in my life, I don't know what it is.'

While the boy and his father were watching with amazement, an old lady in a wheelchair moved up to the moving walls and pressed a button. The walls opened, and the lady rolled between them into a small room. The walls closed and the boy and his father watched the small numbers above the walls light up sequentially. They continued to watch until it reached the last number and then the numbers began to light in the reverse order. Finally the walls opened up again and a gorgeous 24-year-old blond woman stepped out.

The father, not taking his eyes off the young woman, said quietly to his son.....

'Son, Fetch your Mother'.

Let us share the gift of laughter during this season, Merry Christmas!

Will LeBrun, Deputy Grand Knight

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Comments and corrections are welcome.

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- **GENERATOR**, Homelite, portable., 110/220vac 20-amp 5.5Kw output, 5-gal gas tank. Low hours of use. \$300 firm! Call Bill, 323-7080.
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