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**St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698**

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**MARCH 2015 NEWSLETTER**



*Happy St. Patrick's Day*

*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 **MARCH 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <u>Regional</u> <u>Basketball</u> <u>Free-throw</u>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Council 10698 Dinner 6pm Meeting 7pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Council 10698 St. Patrick's Dinner
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> St. Patrick's Day	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Spring Yippee!!	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Life Peaceful Prayer Vigil	<b>24</b> Council 10698 Meeting 7pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Palm Sunday Easter Egg Roll	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

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## MARCH 2015 Newsletter

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

### *~ Grand Knight's Message ~*

Brothers! I'd like to start by thanking Patrick Nee and his wife Amy for running the basketball free throw contest. And a thank you to Past Grand Knight Rob Krafchuk for assisting.

Well fellows, we've got a lot of things going on for the next few months. Please note the following events:

-February 28th is our Beer and Wine Tasting at the Villa Rose. We are still selling tickets! Let me know if you need some.

-March 14th is the Irish night at the Villa Rose.

-Let's not forget the Easter Egg Roll.

What a great time of year to be Catholic. It is Lent and we get to have fish on Friday. I think that would make just about anyone to convert. But seriously Lent is a time of prayer, fasting, and a reflection on Jesus' suffering for us. So take some time to go to Mass, as some of us find it difficult to be able to attend every week. I know I definitely struggle with this. So I hope to see as many brothers during this Lenten season on Sundays and Easter Sunday.

In closing I'd like to thank Bill and Deb Bowen for putting on a wonderful Sweetheart Dance! My wife and I had fun, as did all the other couples. If you weren't able to make it, don't worry there is always next year!

Enjoy the snow, it will bring nice flowers!

Sincerely,

Grand Knight Charles Lydon

### *~ Chaplain's Message ~*

Brother Knights,

This month of March brings us into the heart of the Lenten Season as Palm Sunday will be celebrated on the last Sunday of the month. It is so easy to let this season be absorbed into all the things that busy us each day. Lent is a call to step out of the ordinary and retreat into more quality time with God, seeking Him in prayer, Scripture, devotions such as the Stations of the Cross. This is not a season to "give up things" save for those that keep us from God and more of a time to "do something." All in all it is a time to love more; God, our families, all those with whom we encounter each and every day. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the traditional practices of Lent, each should help us to learn to "love more." Come Easter Sunday, you will know that you had a productive Lent if you can honestly say: "I have come to love God, my family, all of God's children more!" Happy Lent! Fr. Vern

### *~ Deputy Grand Knight's Corner ~*

Hello brother knights;

Last Sunday, Feb. 15, was our council's successful Sweet Heart Dinner event. I'd like to express sincere appreciation towards Brother Bill Bowen and wife Deb for hosting and setting an excellent atmosphere for enjoyment by all. Many couples attended and some singles too. Food was plentiful and delicious, raffle prizes many and a DJ who hosted a memorable "Newlywed Game" that was full of laughter.

As the saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun" and was so true with this evening. Ann, my wife and I look forward to attending next year, I hope many of you will consider it too.

Will LeBrun

Deputy Grand Knight

## ***Your Prayers are Requested ~***

- † For repose of the soul of Sharon Berndt.
- † For improved health and comfort for; Al Rocantti, Ann LeBrun, Michael DaCosta, Barbara Hume, Richard Audette, Pamela Hilber, Pat Jasmin, Mary Rose Hurley.
- † 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.

## ***~ Life Peaceful Prayer Vigil~***

**Monday, March 23, 8 am to 5 pm**

Our society tries to tell us that the pre-born child is not human and that we have the right to treat this child as less than human. So instead of the womb being the safest place on God's Earth for a baby, it is often a place of torture and death. Since *"40 Days for Life"* started a documented 9,699 babies have been saved, 107 workers changed to "pro life", and 59 abortion centers closed.

This Lent, you are invited to do something... Pray with us ... if only for one hour.... this Monday, March 23 any hour from 8-5 in front of the abortion mill at 3550 Main St & Wason, Springfield ...or here in the St. Francis Adoration Chapel.

Please save the date and encourage others to come with you. Sign up will be in the St. Francis gathering space after March 14/15 and March 21/22 Masses or call Rita Lee 774-200-6464 for more information.

Please support this meaning cause. A child's life is at stake.



## ***~ Children's Easter Egg Roll. ~***



On Palm Sunday 3/29 following the 10:30 Mass, the St. Francis of Assisi Knights of Columbus council and Fr. Vern will once again sponsor its annual Easter Egg Roll. This free event for parish and council children/grandchildren ages 8 and under starts around 11:45am on the church grounds of St. Francis parish (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 kids to kick off Holy Week! Anyone wishing to help or make a monetary or candy contribution (bite sized pre-wrapped, non-peanut based candy) to help offset expenses, or wishes to help out that day, can contact PGK Tom Grady at 413-323-4036.

## ***~ Special Thanks and 'Hats Off' ~***

- Special thanks: to Wil & Ann LeBrun for their auction donations from their wine cellar; to Rob & Trish Krafchuk for their donations of the Patriot pictures; and Bill & Debby Bowen for their donation of the wine & dessert service sets. Hope all will be able to come next year.
- To Gil DaCosta for the dinner prior to our meeting on Feb 10<sup>th</sup>.
- To all brother Knights that come to our meetings and help with our activities. You make our council stronger.



Join us for a great family  
**St. Patrick's Day Dinner**

*Sponsored by the K of C Council 10698*

**Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

**5:30pm – 8:30pm**

**At the Villa Rose, Rt. 21, Ludlow**

*All-you-can-eat*

**Corned Beef & Cabbage, Carrots and Potatoes,  
Dessert, Coffee, Tea, Cash Bar**

**Tickets: Adult=\$18, Children 4-12yrs=\$9  
under 4 yrs old=Free**

**Tickets available at St. Francis Masses  
Feb 28/Mar 1, Mar 7/8  
or**

**by contacting:  
GK Chuck Lydon 413.364.4854,  
Rob Krafchuk 413.244.3682  
Bill Bowen 323.7080**

## ~ Council 10698 Basketball Free-Throw Winners ~



Congratulations to the winners of Council 10698 2015 Basketball Free-throw competition held on February 10<sup>th</sup> Rory Nee, Olivia Lafayette, Riley Breen, Aidan Nee pictured with Deputy Grand Knight Wil LeBrun,. These young athletes will represent our council at the regional competition on March 4<sup>th</sup>.

## ~ 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.
- **HELPERS NEEDED** to sell tickets at weekend Masses for our St. Patrick's Dinner at the Villa Rose on March 14<sup>th</sup> and to help with these activities.
- **DONATIONS NEEDED** for our Easter Egg Roll. Monetary or candy contribution (bite sized pre-wrapped, non-peanut based candy) are needed to help offset expenses or help is needed that day, can contact PGK Tom Grady at 413-323-4036.

## ~ K of C Council 10698's Activity Agenda ~

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**COUNCIL MEETINGS:**      **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** each month; DINNER~ 6pm, MEETING~ 7pm  
                                  **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday** each month; MEETING~ 7pm.

<i>DATE:</i>	<i>ACTIVITY:</i>
Wed., Mar 4	<b>Regional Basketball Free-throw competition</b>
Sat., Mar 14	<b>Annual K of C Council 10698 St. Patrick's Dinner</b> for the family at The Villa Rose, Rt. 21, Ludlow, MA
Tue., Mar 17	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b>
Mon., Mar 23	<b>Life Peaceful Prayer Vigil</b> , 8am-5pm. St. Francis Adoration Chapel
Sun., Mar 29	<b>Palm Sunday</b>
	<b>Easter Egg Roll</b> after 10:30 Mass on the St. Francis church grounds.
Fri., Apr 3	<b>Good Friday</b>
Sun., Apr 5	<b>EASTER</b>

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

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

Email your contributions to: [btowncoordinator@charter.net](mailto:btowncoordinator@charter.net).

Deadline no later than 6pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday each month.

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*Comments and corrections are welcome.*

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*A good friend is like a four-leaf clover: hard to find and lucky to have. ~ Irish Saying*