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St. Francis of Assisi Council 10698

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MAY 2015 NEWSLETTER



Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori

~ What is the Knights of Columbus all about? ~

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 **MAY 2015**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
The month of May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please join together in a Living Rosary at St. Francis of Assisi church on Wednesday, May 27 at 7pm.					1	2
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10 Mother's Day	11	12	13	14	15	16 WARB Airshow
17 WARB Airshow	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 Pentecost	25 Memorial Day	26	27 Living Rosary	28	29	30
31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Most Holy Trinity						

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

~ Chaplain's Message ~

Dear Brother Knights,

The month of May is always special in that it is the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother and Her rosary. As part of our initiation we received the gift of a rosary which is indeed a most powerful prayer. I strongly encourage you to pray the rosary this month, privately and with your family, particularly our younger families, even if it is only one decade a night. In doing so we are handing on this beautiful Catholic devotion and reminding us all of the great protection we have in the love of our Heavenly Mother.

God Bless, Fr. Vern

~ Council Officer Nominations ~

Financial Secretary Norm Gousy has stepped up to act as chair for our 2015-2016 council officer nominations. Nominations will be accepted at the council 10698 meetings on Tuesdays, May 12 & 26 with the election to be held on Tuesday, June 9. All members are urged to attend these important meetings.

Remember in your Prayers ~

- † For repose of the souls of Sean Young, Joseph Pehoski and all of the military that made the supreme sacrifice in the defense of our freedoms.
Eternal rest grant unto them oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. Amen
- † For improved health and comfort for; Tom Curto, Beth Praudis, Donald Vacchi, Robert Hawley, Ivan LeBrun, Ray Fontaine Sr., Chelsea Rose Phanuef, Al Roccanti, Ann LeBrun, Michael DaCosta, Barbara Hume, Mary Rose Hurley, Teri Terzi, Noah Jubb.
- † 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.

~ Special Thanks and 'Hats Off' ~

- PGK Tom Grady and his family for providing a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt for the children of our parish.
- To all brother Knights that come to our meetings and help with our activities. You make our council stronger.

~ Meeting Drawings ~

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 April meetings were:

April 14 - Dave Adams, not present

April 28 - Fred LeBlanc - present!!



Knights of Columbus
Council 10698
5th Annual Golf Tournament

Proceeds to benefit our High School Scholarship Fund.

Saturday, July 18th, at
Cold Spring Country Club
336 Chauncey Walker Rd. (Rte. 21), Belchertown MA.

\$95.00 pp includes cart & full buffet dinner

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Registration~ 8am, coffee & pastries
Shotgun Start~ 9am

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For tickets, or further info, please contact:
PGK Rob Krafchuk, 413-244-3682
DGK Chuck Lydon, 413-364-4854
Ray Fontaine, 323-9308

Can you donate a prize?

We are seeking monetary or gift-item donations to be raffled to raise funds for our high school scholarship program. To make a donation please contact: GK Chuck Lydon, PGK Rob Krafchuk or Ray Fontaine at the phone numbers above.

~ A Call to Serve ~

- **OFFICERS NEEDED** Please consider serving our council as an officer for the upcoming year. So many members have done more than their share to make your council successful. Nominations begin May 12th until the election on June 9th. Please help make it even better!
- **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.
- **USHERS NEEDED** during the St. Francis of Assisi weekend Masses. If you can help please let Deacon Bill know prior to the beginning of services in the gathering space.

~ K of C Council 10698's 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>EVENT/ACTIVITY:</i>
Sun., May 10	Mother's Day
May 15-17	K of C State Officers Conference
May 16-17	Westover ARB Open House/Airshow
Sun., May 24	Quabbin Cemetery memorial ceremony, 10:30am , refreshments served
Mon., May 25	MEMORIAL DAY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8:30am at Belchertown South Cemetery for a brief salute to the fallen. • 9:00am Gather at the 10698 council hall for coffee & donuts. Parade steps off promptly at 10am from Town Hall with a ceremony on Belchertown Common to remember our fallen patriots.
Wed. May 27	7pm Council 10698 Living Rosary at St. Francis of Assisi church.
Tue., Jun 9	Council 10698 officer election 7pm at the council meeting.
June 14	Flag Day. Show your support for our flag, wear Red, White & Blue!
Sat., July 18	K of C Council 10698 Annual Golf Tournament , Cold Springs Country Club.

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Email your contributions to: btowncoordinator@charter.net.

Deadline no later than 6pm on the 4th Wednesday each month.

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Comments and corrections are welcome.

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- Skis, Atomic AC3 System 70, 195cm with Tyrolia 'Carve' step-in bindings. \$50. Exc cond. Call Bill 323-7080.



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