



May 2010

# St. Francis of Assisi Council #10698 Knights of Columbus Newsletter

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## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR "GRAND KNIGHT"



**Mothers,  
are one of the  
Greatest Gifts from God!**

Hurry & get your tickets to our

**"Mohegan Bus Trip"**

Time is running out and the number of seats available are at a minimum.

See page 7 for details!



To all my Brother Knights wives and their grandchildren's mothers, I would like to wish all of you, a Very Happy and Glorious Mother's Day!

A special thank you to Chancellor Franco Dell'Olio and his staff for our successful "Year of the Priest" appreciation brunch. The "Food was Great", "Service was Excellent" and also the staff that served the meal, worked the raffles and did all the work behind the scenes in setting up, prepping and the cleaning up afterwards.

*"The Year of The Volunteer"*

We are grateful to our own Chief of Police, Francis Fox for his presentation on Identity Theft and how to prevent it at our first meeting in April. The members truly enjoyed the presentation and the Q & A afterwards.

May is promising to be another busy month for our Council, so check out the schedule on page 3.

At our May 11, meeting, the Nominating Committee will be presenting me with a slate of those candidates who wish to run for the elective offices of our Council, for the Fiscal year 2010 ~ 2011. There is still time for any 3rd Degree member, who wishes to be nominated from the Council floor.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR "CHAPLAIN"

Dear Brother Knights,

It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I thank all of you who so generously gave of themselves in hosting the special "Sunday Brunch in Honor of the Year of the Priest." It was such a joy to see so many enjoying and celebrating this special time together. I am most grateful to Franco Dell'Olio for all his organizational and expertise in making this special event happen. Similarly, I am grateful to our Grand Knight, Bill Huber for his kind words and certificate of appreciation. I thank all of you for your support and for your generous donation to the new rectory building fund. May the Lord continue to bless our Council with many more dedicated and hard working men who truly exemplify the spirit of the Knights of Columbus.



May God Bless You All,

Fr. Vern

**Message From Our Grand Knight—CONTINUED**

I'd just like to add, that any member who wishes to run for office, should know that any officers position requires a great deal of dedication and effort on their part. No officers position should be taken for granted! You get what you put into it. It goes without saying, that what we do in office affects the whole Council and then some!

To any member who runs for office, I would like to wish luck and a very successful year to come. Please, let it be known that I will do my best to help those who are elected, that I will do my best for you and our Council, wherever and whenever!

On page 5 you will noticed that we acquired another advertiser and it is "McCarthy's Pub". I'm working on getting more advertisers and hope to have at least one new one every month if possible.

Fraternally yours,  
Bill Huber, Grand Knight

**NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

***Deadline is the 28th of the month for the upcoming Newsletter!***

If you have something you would like mentioned in the newsletter, please email: [wjhuber@charter.net](mailto:wjhuber@charter.net) or send to our Council, "Attention Bill Huber, GK/Editor!"



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**April Meetings**

***Tuesday, May 11 (Dinner Meeting)***  
***Tuesday, May 25 (Business Meeting)***

**DINNER MEETING — 6:00 p.m.**

**BUSINESS MEETINGS: — 7:00 p.m.**

Meetings begin promptly! Try to arrive by 6:45 p.m. If you have not attended a meeting in awhile, please consider joining us!

**DINNER MENU:**

**HAM & BEANS**

**CHEF AL BENOIT**

**Chef Terrence Carney**

**Rolls, Butter & Desserts**

***Why not join us for the Camaraderie?***

There is no charge for the dinner, but donations are greatly appreciated!

***Looking for a Chef for the upcoming meeting on Jun. 8, 2010!***



**CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Please check out these important dates so that you don't miss them!**

- May 2, Sunday**      **Holyoke Soldiers Home:** Assisting Wheelchair Veterans to Mass. Leave Council at 8:45 a.m. & return by 11:30 a.m. If interested please contact PGK Tom Barry (323-6700) or GK Bill Huber (323-1123). The Bishop and the Honor Guard will be there!
- May 9, Sunday**      **HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY:** We wish all the Mothers a Happy and Glorious Day!
- May 10, Monday**      **1st Degree:** Will be held at the Fairview Council #4044. Candidates there by 6 p.m.
- May 11, Tuesday**      **Council Dinner Meeting:** Dinner at 6 p.m. meeting at 7 p.m. Nominating Committee will present a Slate of Officers for the Fiscal year 2010 ~ 2011. Nominations may be taken from the floor.
- May 11, Tuesday**      **2nd Degree:** Will be held at the Fairview Council #4044. Candidates there by 6 p.m.
- May 13, Thursday**      **1st Degree:** Will be held at the Elder Council #69. Candidates there by 6:30 p.m.
- May 14-16, Fri. ~ Sun.**      **State Convention Weekend:** Held in Sturbridge, MA at the Host Hotel.
- May 15, Saturday**      **Holyoke Soldiers Home:** Our Council is sponsoring Movie & Popcorn! Please try to give back by spending just a couple hours with these Veterans! Arrive at Holyoke Soldiers Home for 1:00pm. For more information please contact PGK Tom Barry (323-6700)
- May 17, Monday**      **2nd Degree:** Leicester Council #4528. Candidates there by 6:30 p.m.
- May 19, Tuesday**      **4th Degree Dinner Meeting:** Brimfield Council #4794 St. Christopher. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- May 23, Sunday**      **Mohegan Bus Trip:** See details for this trip on Page 5 of the Newsletter. Sign up sheets are in the Council. Contact either W. Rob Krafchuk (323-6625) or Al Benoit (324-1037)
- May 23, Sunday**      **3rd Degree @ Fairview Council #4044:** Candidates there by 1 p.m. Contact Lecturer Alfred Leblanc (413-323-6360) if interested in taking the degree!
- May 25, Tuesday**      **Regular Council Meeting:** Meeting starts at 7 p.m.
- May 29-31, Fri - Mon**      **Memorial Day Weekend:** Please remember in your prayers all those Veterans who paid the ultimate price for their country.
- Jun. 5, Sunday**      **State Golf Tournament:** Held at the Pine Ridge Country Club in Oxford, MA. 1 p.m.
- Jun. 5, Sunday**      **Holyoke Soldiers Home:** Assisting Wheelchair Veterans to Mass. Leave Council at 8:45 a.m. & return by 11:30 a.m. If interested please contact PGK Tom Barry (323-6700) or GK Bill Huber (323-1123).
- Jun. 8, Monday**      **Council Dinner Meeting:** Dinner at 6 p.m. meeting at 7 p.m. **Election of Council Officers for 2010 ~ 2011 Fiscal year!** Nominations may be made from the floor!
- Jun. 16, Wednesday**      **4th Degree Dinner Meeting:** Agawam, JFK Council #5585. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- Jun. 22, Tuesday**      **Regular Council Meeting:** Meeting starts at 7 p.m. "Old Timer's" Night. More information will be forthcoming in next month's Newsletter. At the end of this meeting, there will be a changing of the Council Officers.
- Jun. 26, Saturday**      **Grand Knight & District Deputy Conference:** Yet to be determined where it will be held!
- Jun. 27, Sunday**      **District Deputy Conference Continued:**
- Jun. 27, Sunday**      **Archbishop Williams Assembly #388:** Chicken B. B. Q. Picnic to be held at the Ware Council #183. See Page 6 for all the details. Contact PGK Stan Wyman at (253-4842) for Tickets!
- Aug. 22, Sunday**      **Installation of Officers:** To be held at St. Francis of Assisi Church after the 10:30 a.m. Mass. More information will be presented in the July Newsletter.
- Oct. 16, Saturday**      **Past Grand Knight's Party: NEW!** This will be held in the Pine Room, more details to follow in the September's Newsletter.

### Hats Off and Thanks To The Following:

To: Brother Knight Al Roccanti and GK Bill Huber, for assisting the veterans at the Holyoke Soldiers Home on Easter Sunday 4/2/2010.

To: Warden Rob Krafchuk, his daughter Tiffany, Lecturer Alfred LeBlanc, PGK Stan Wyman and GK Bill Huber for helping out on our Council Work Party on 4/10/2010.

To: Warden Rob Krafchuk, his daughter Tiffany, Inside Guard Stan Antonovitch, PGK Tom Barry, Brother Bob Pelott, GK Bill Huber and his granddaughter Nicholle, for assisting the Archbishop Williams Assembly #388 at the Holyoke Soldiers Home serving ice cream to our veterans on 4/10/2010

To: IG Stan Antonovitch, Brother Knights Al Roccanti, Marcel Archambaul, his wife Jeanne, Vic Tetreault and GK Bill Huber for helping out at the Holyoke Soldiers Home on 4/11/2010

To: Fred Piechota Jr and his mother, Alice for a donating the desserts and pizza from Theresa's Restaurant at our Dinner Meeting on 4/13/2010.

To: Chancellor Franco Dell'Olio and PGK Tom Grady who co-chaired the "The Year of The Priest" appreciation brunch on 4/18/2010. To all of the following Brother Knights, wives and children who helped make this event so successful: Carla Dell'Olio, Donna Grady, her son Sean, Warden Rob Krafchuk, his wife Trish, their daughters Tiffany and Sabrina, FS Ray Fontaine, Treasurer Bob Christ, his wife Louise, Inside Guard Stan Antonovitch, Lecturer Alfred LeBlanc, his wife Lisa, PGK Paul Gendreau, his wife Kathy, their son Eric, PGK Stan Wyman, PGK Rich Poissant, Brother Knights Jacques Benoit, his daughter Monique, Bhavin Patel, John Mankowsky, Don Como, Bob Pelott, Fred Piechota Jr. and GK Bill Huber. What a Great Crew!!!!

To: The Honor Guard of the Archbishop Williams Assembly #388 for attending our Celebration of "The Year of The Priest" Mass and our Appreciation Brunch. They are Sir Knights John Trela, Tom Barry, Al Benoit, Terry Carney and Bob Pelott. Very impressive Gentlemen and a great job!

To: Brother Knights Al Roccanti, Marcel Archambault, his wife Jeanne and GK Bill Huber who volunteer every Sunday at the Soldiers Home.

To: PGK Tom Barry for assisting me with getting out the Newsletter for these past five months.

#### "THE YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER"

*\*Please note, that if during the course of thanking all of the above people who gave so much of their time and themselves, I may have somehow missed someone, I am truly sorry and I apologize for doing so. Call me and let me know, your name will appear in the next month's Newsletter with an apology!*

**Bill Huber, GK**

**\*\*Special Thanks To: Janis McCarthy owner of McCarthy's Pub for becoming the second sponsor of our Newsletter! We appreciate your business!**

### CONGRATULATIONS:

To Sir Knight David Vacchi, for being accepted into the Doctorial program at the University of Mass!

To Sir Knight and PGK Tom Barry for receiving an award from Supreme for the VIP (membership recruitment)

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Our Honoree Fr. Vernon Decoteau,  
Entering St. Francis of Assisi Social  
Center at "The Year of the Priest"

Brunch Celebration and being saluted  
by the AWA #388 Honor Guard.

PGK Tom Grady waiting to start the  
festivities.

Honor Guards John Trela & Bob Pelott.

Honor Guard PGK Al Benoit &  
Grand Knight Bill Huber



The gravestones at the Arlington National Cemetery  
at Arlington are graced by flags on Memorial Day!

**Memorial Day** is a [United States federal holiday](#) observed on the last Monday of May (May 31 in 2010). Formerly known as **Decoration Day**, it commemorates U.S. men and women who died while in the [military service](#).

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**\*STATE RAFFLE TICKETS\***

Please note that if you haven't sent in your STATE RAFFLE TICKETS yet, you can still do so. We have extended the deadline to Wednesday, May 12, 2010! If you did not receive any STATE RAFFLE TICKETS for one reason or another and would like to help out our Council, we have about seven or eight books left. If interested in selling or purchasing these tickets, please contact the

Grand Knight, Bill Huber at either H: (413) 323-1123 or C: (413) 575-5738

Thanking you in advance for your efforts and support of our Council and the State K of C many programs!

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS!**

THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of all the Faithfully Departed:

Polish President Lech Kaczynski and all the others that lost their lives in the plane crash. Ed Lahikainen, Janet Minney, Amdelda Swank, Chissy Frangakis, Louise Payne,

Please, remember to keep all of the men and women who are serving a tour of duty in Iraq, Afghanistan and in all our military installations throughout the world in your prayers and thoughts along with their families also!

**IMPROVED HEALTH FOR:** Bishop Timothy Mc Donnell, Antonia Dell'Olio, Susan O'Sullivan, PGK Bill Muise, Shelly Seltyn, Ann Coral, PGK Stan Wyman, Millie Ricchiazzi,

**Please Note:** All persons with ongoing health problems will be shown for two months, after that they will be placed in our Council Perpetual Prayer Book until notified otherwise!



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**NEXT ASSEMBLY MEETING**

Wed, May 19—St. Christopher, Brimfield  
*Living Rosary (Families invited)*

6:30 p.m. Dinner, 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting

**ALL FOURTH DEGREE MEMBERS: Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this meeting .**

**Chicken B. B. Q. Picnic**

Date: June 27 ~ Time: 12:00 p.m. Serving starts @ 1:30 p.m.

Where: Ware K of C Council ~ 126 W. Main St., Ware, MA

Dinner: \$10 p/p ~ Cash Bar

Contact: PGK Stan Wyman (413-253-4842)

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

May 7: Ray Fontaine

May 14: FDD, PGK William Muise, Bill will be 92 years old this birthday! Congratulations Bill

May 14: Patrick Nee ~ May 16: Stan Antonovitch ~ May 16: Wayne Griffin ~ May 18: Dennis Riel

We wish that all of you have a great Day!

# St. Francis of Assisi KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - 10698



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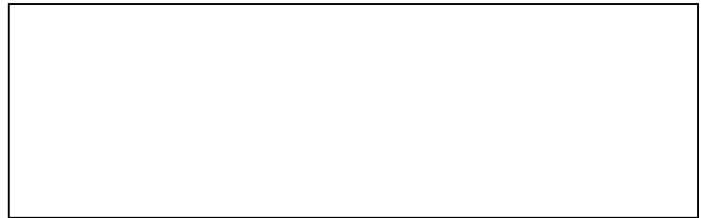
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