



DECEMBER 2011



CHRISTmas
 CHRIST is the Reason
 For the Season!
 Merry CHRISTmas
 and a Happy New Year to All!

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



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR "GRAND KNIGHT"



Dear Brother Knights,

This month's message is about our third principle of Fraternity. Since the Knights of Columbus is the world's largest catholic fraternal service organization, makes all of us part of something very special. With over 1.8 million members we have not only kindred around the world but tremendous power to support the church through charitable contributions and man hours.

The strength of the organization also allows us to provide protection for our families and selves by the Order's insurance program. The insurance is backed by over 15 billion dollars in assets and holds the highest insurance rating given by A.M. Best. So what does this mean for us? It means in times of economic downturn we as members of this fraternal organization have access to those products. Products that can get us prepared for the future. This option is not available to those outside the fraternity.

But the fraternity goes beyond charity and protection. Just recently while attending a wake for a family member it was comforting to see other Knights there to lend comfort and support. It is fraternity that changes despair to hope during those difficult times. The little pin we wear of the Knights emblem of the order always is a shining light that we are Knights of Columbus. Many times when seeing someone wearing the emblem opens the doors to conversation and friendship.

The fraternity of the Knights is immense. I can't help but stop to think that November 22, 1963 always brings a sad memory to mind. This darkest of days when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. What a lot of people don't know is that President Kennedy was a Knight of Columbus. We can name a few other notable Knights such as Florida Governor Jeb Bush, NFL Coach Vince Lombardi, boxer Floyd Paterson, and the great Babe Ruth just to name a few.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR "CHAPLAIN"

Dear Brother Knights,

I am so grateful to the 20+ members of our Council who made the special effort to join me and family members for our Annual Mass of Remembrance for our Deceased Members. This year we remembered 30 of our brother knights who have died over the past 20 years. The only sad thing was that these 30 were only remembered by 20 of the living! To pray for the dead is a true act of Charity and highly recommended by our Church as we hope there will be people to remember us when we go forth to meet the Lord.



On December 6th, the Feast of St. Nicholas we will hold our annual blessing and lighting of our parish Nativity Scene. In this highly commercial season it is good for us to stand up and remember "the reason for the season;" the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior. May you and your loved ones be blessed this Advent Season with the joy of Christ's coming and may your Christmas celebration be filled with happiness and love.

God Bless,
 Fr. Vern

Our fraternity is blessed with the most venerable of them all though, our founder Fr. Michael J. McGivney. What a great human being to be in fraternity with and how great we have grown as an organization because of him. When someone asks why are you a Knight ? I guess I could say because we are surrounded by greatness. Maybe we could all carry on that greatness by bringing someone new into the fraternity. Let's give it a try.

Fraternally,

Alfred "Fred" LeBlanc, Grand Knight



A MESSAGE FROM OUR "DISTRICT DEPUTY?"

Dear Grand Knights, Financial Secretaries and Brother Knights of District #7,

Please remember to inform all your officers and members, that they should destroy all Form 100s that are dated prior to 9/11. The new Form 100 will have either 9/11 or 10/11 following the form number and replaces all previous versions of the Form 100. Please destroy any existing supplies of forms with older revision dates.

On another note , all Councils that are planning on participating in the Annual K of C Basketball Free Throw should have already ordered there Free Throw Kits by now! If you haven't done so , please do it ASAP. This program was a great success last year and the Regionals will held again at the St. Thomas the Apostle Gym in West Springfield on March 24, 2011.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish all of you and your families, a Wonderful, Holy, Merry CHRISTmas and a safe Happy New Year. Please remember, if possible to visit and wish the same , to all of the members of your family and friends, who may be alone during this most blessed of seasons. You'd be surprised not only how great it will make them feel, but you also!

Vivat Jesus,

Bill Huber, DD #7



"CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING BROTHER KNIGHTS OF COUNCIL #10698 ⇨ WHO BECAME 4TH DEGREE MEMBERS ON 11/12/2011"

Deacon William F. Brawner

&

Evan Dell'Olio

⇨ BROTHER KNIGHT OF THE MONTH

Stephen Wittbrodt



November Meetings

Tuesday, Dec. 13 (Dinner Meeting)
Tuesday, Dec. 27 (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

Stuffed Chicken Breast

Vegetables

Beverages & Dessert

Prepared by

Chefs PGK Mike Griffin & Vic Tetreault

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



A Chef or Chefs
Are needed for the 02/14/2012
Dinner Meeting. Contact the GK

[CALENDAR OF EVENTS: Please check out these important dates so that you don't miss them!](#)

- Dec. 01, Thursday **Calendar Raffle Sponsored by the St. Francis CYO BB Organization:** sold now until Christmas \$10 ea. The raffle ticket w/cash prize drawings of \$50 ~ \$150 drawn daily in January. Contact PGK Tom Grady
- Dec. 04, Sunday **Holyoke Soldiers' Home:** We leave the Council Hall at 8:45 a.m. and return about 11:45 a.m. We will be assisting the veterans in wheel chairs to get to the Chapel for the 10 a.m. Mass. **Volunteers needed!**
- Dec. 06, Tuesday **Creche Lighting & Collation:** 7 p.m. at the Council Hall. The Generations of Faith (GOF) will be co-hosting this annual event with us. Refreshments supplied by the G.O.F. in the Pine Room after the event.
- Dec. 07, Wednesday **Pear Harbor Day:** Please remember in your prayers the fallen military men & women on this historical day!
- Dec. 08, Thursday **.Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** St. Francis of Assisi Masses are at 7 a.m. & 12:10 p.m.
- Dec. 10, Saturday **Annual Council Christmas Party Sponsored by the Poissant Family:** Starts at 6 p.m. till ? 50 Oasis Dr., (Rte. 202 N. for 5 mi. from intersection of Rte. 202 & 9; Turn left onto Munsell St. & proceed 1 mi; Turn left onto Oasis Dr., we are the dark green house at the end of the street on the right). Drinks provided by the Poissants. If you can, please bring either an appetizer (oven available as needed) or a dessert to share. If not, come anyway the more the merrier. Sophie & Henry will once again, be happy to accept donations at the party for the St. Francis Food Pantry. Please RSVP by 12/09/11 @ 323-8089 or spoissant@yahoo.com
- Dec. 11, Sunday ***The "CALM after the STORM" Community Pasta Supper:** Servings start at 4 p.m. in the Pine Room and end at 6 p.m.. Homemade Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread, Beverages (Coffee, Tea & Soda) & Dessert (Chocolate Cake). Adults \$5 - Children 12 and under \$3. Also we will have a 50/50 raffle. **Tickets on Sale after all Masses or contact PGK Franco Dell'Olio @ 323-0239.** Bring your Family & Friends of the Belchertown Community to relax and enjoy. **Volunteers needed** to help selling tickets after all the Masses and on 12/10/2011, setting up the Pine Room and prepping, Also need help on 12/11/2011 with help in the kitchen, prepping food, serving and then cleaning up. This is a fund raiser for our visiting Seminarian Yerrick Medez in appreciation for his ministry here at St. Francis of Assisi.
- Dec. 13, Tuesday ***Community Opptions Annual Christmas Party for the Mentally & Physically Challenged:** The event takes place in the Pine Room, starting at 12 p.m. until about 3 p.m. Chairpersons are **PGK Mike Griffin @ 323-6001 & Vic Tetreault @ 427-0919. Volunteers needed** from 10 a.m. for setting up the hall, serving and cleaning up afterwards. The menu will be Stuffed Chicken Breast, mashed potatoes, greenbeans, gravy, cranberry sauce, rolls & butter, beverages and chocolate cake. **Brothers, this is a worthwhile cause** if you can help please contact either of the Chairperson.
- Dec. 13, Tuesday **Council Dinner Meeting:** Dinner at 6 p.m. meeting at 7 p.m. See menu on **Page 2.** We need someone to step up to the plate to prepare the month of February's meal. If your available, please contact the GK Fred LeBlanc @ 323-6360. Thanking you in advance for your assistance. If you haven't been at a meeting for awhile, this would be a great time to come rebuild your camaraderie with your Brother Knights!
- Dec. 18, Sunday **Annual Council Christmas Caroling & Collation:** Will be held in the center of Town at 5 p.m., after which, we will retire to the Council Hall for refreshments. **All are encouraged** to bring a warm item to share, including entries in the annual Brownie Bake-Off Contest. Tis the Season to be with family & friends.
- Dec. 21, Wednesday **Archbishop Williams Assembly #388 Meeting:** The meeting will be held at St. Michael's Council #9960 located at 1294 Ware St., Palmer, MA 01069. Rosary at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. 4th Degree members are encouraged to attend.
- Dec. 24, Saturday **Christmas Eve:** St. Francis of Assisi Masses are at 4 p.m., 6 p.m. is the Children's Christmas Pageant & at 12 a.m. is the Midnight Mass.
- Dec. 25, Sunday **Birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ ~ Merry Christmas:** St. Francis of Assisi Masses are at 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 27, Tuesday **Regular Council Meeting:** Meeting starts promptly at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 31, Saturday **New Years Eve:** Have fun, but stay safe!
- Jan. 07, Saturday **DD & GK Mid-Winter Conference:** Will be held at the Marriott Marlborough Courtyard, 9 a.m. for GKs.
- Jan. 21, Saturday **Family Night with the Springfield Falcons:** Falcons vs. Albany ~ game starts at 7 p.m. at the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield. Tickets are \$11 p/p in advance & \$18 at the door. More to come next Newsletter.



[NEWSLETTER INFORMATION](#)

**** New Deadline is the day after the 2nd meeting of the month prior to the upcoming Newsletter!**

If you have something you would like mentioned in the newsletter, this is the **CUTOFF DATE!**

please email all information to: wjhuber@charter.net

Hats Off and Thanks To The Following:

- To: All the Brother Knights who assist the Veterans at The Holyoke Soldiers Home on a weekly and or monthly basis.**
- To: DD, PGK Bill Huber for cooking the meal for November’s Dinner Mtg. and to GK Fred LeBlanc, C Everett Hume, PFN, PGK Tom Barry and Brother Dave Vacchi for helping with the preparation and setup of the meal and especially to OG Steve Wittbrodt for helping with the task that most people don’t like to do, the cleaning up afterwards.**
- To: DGK Rob Krafchuk & Chuck Lydon for chairing our 1st golf tournament. GK Fred LeBlanc, his wife Lisa, the DGK’s wife Trish, C Everett Hume, W Ray Fontaine, his wife Terry, FS Norm Gousy, PGK Terry Carney & PGK Stan Wyman for making this event such a huge success story.**
- To: The local businesses that sponsored our 1st golf tournament, and they are in alphabetical order: Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, Country Bank for Savings, Dunkin Donuts, Five Star Garden Landscape, Frito-Lay Co., Humes Transportations Co., Mill Valley Golf Links and last but not least U-Mass. Thank you for all your support.**

“THE YEAR OF THE VOLUNTEER” LET’S KEEP IT ALIVE for the 2011 ~2012 Fraternal year!

There is no letter “I” in the word “Team”

Please Note: If during the course of thanking all of our people who gave so much of themselves and their families, we may have somehow missed someone, we are truly sorry and apologize for doing so. Call either one of us and let us know, and your name will appear in the next Newsletter with an apology! Sincerely, GK Alfred LeBlanc and DD Bill Huber, PGK.

Please, remember to e-mail, call or hand me a list of those Volunteers who work any event so that we can thank them properly! This is the responsibility of the Chairman or Chairmen of any event, not the Editor of the Newsletter. Thank you!



⇐ Table of candles representing our Brother Knights who have been called back to our Lord and Savior.

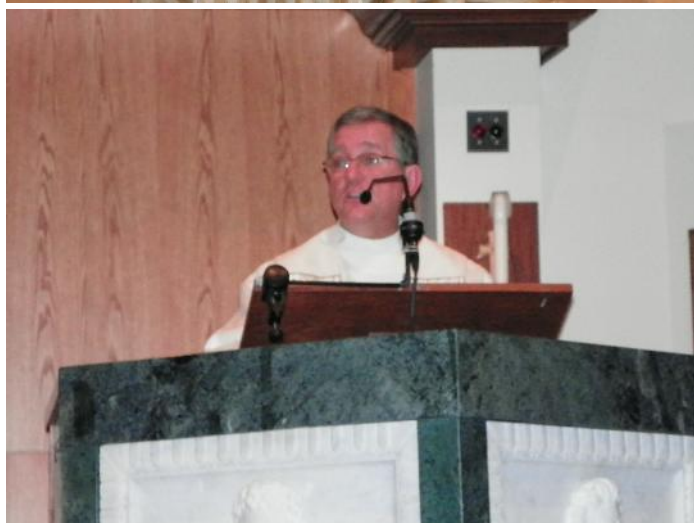
May they RIP!

⇒ Warden Ray Fontaine

Fr. Vern’s ⇐ Homily.

Fr. Vern’s reading of the list of deceased members

& the GK Fred ⇒ LeBlanc lighting the candles in Memory of our deceased brothers!



Memorial Mass for the Council’s Deceased Members held on November 22, 2012!

A total of 31 Brother Knights have been called home since the St. Francis of Assisi Council #10698 was chartered in 1991!



Pictures from the Council's Memorial Mass on 11/22/2011!



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PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS!

THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of all the Faithfully Departed:

Edward Boudreau (father of the GK's wife, Lisa) Helen Muise (wife of the late FDD Bill Muise), Henry Jurkowski (Council #69 & father of Dennis Jurkowski #10698) Brother Knight Wilfred R. Masse and Albert "Jimmy" Tetreault.

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: Al Roccanti, Barbara Hume, Anna Grady, and Ray Fontaine Sr..

Please Note: That all deceased persons and 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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Asst. Cmdr. & PFN, PGK Tom Barry (413) 323-6700



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NEXT 4th DEGREE MEETING December 21, 2012!

St. Michael's Council #9960 ~ E. Longmeadow, MA
Rosary at 5:45 p.m. ~ Dinner at 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting at 7 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING DATES:

Holyoke Council #90 ~ January 18, 2012

South Hadley Council #1721 ~ February 15, 2012

Brookfield Council #11080 ~ March 21, 2012

All 4th Degree Members are asked to participate!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

~ 12/14 GK Alfred LeBlanc ~ 12/26 Rev. Vern Decoteau ~

~ 12/01 PGK Ed Gingras ~ 12/04 Ken Lavigne ~ 12/05 Claude Vermette ~ 12/06 Rolland Mercier ~

~12/13 Mike McKenzie ~ 12/16 Victor Tetreault ~ 12/18 Jim Bush Jr. ~ 12/20 Joe Kozac ~

~ 12/23 Bob Pezzote ~ 12/29 Fran Donovan ~ 12/29 John Vanasse ~ 12/30 T Bob Christ ~

We wish that all of you have a great Day and many more to come!



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2011 SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

2011 ANNUAL SURVEY OF FRATERNAL ACTIVITY INDIVIDUAL MEMBER WORKSHEET

Last year, the Knights of Columbus donated more than \$151 million to charitable and benevolent causes and 69 million hours of volunteer community service to aid the less fortunate. To help prepare our Fraternal Survey for the Supreme Council office, please complete the information requested below and return it at our next meeting. This information will assist us in determining the total number of hours of community service volunteered by our members during 2011.

1. Number of visits you made during 2011 to:
 - Sick — caring for the sick/nursing homes/hospitals
 - Bereaved — visits of condolence
2. Number of times you served as a blood donor during 2011 :
3. Estimated hours of community volunteer service during 2011 :
 - Church Activities — service in all Church related activities
 - Community Activities — service in all community related activities
 - Youth Activities — service in all youth related activities
 - Habitat for Humanity — service in all related projects
 - Miscellaneous Activities — service in areas not outlined above.....
4. Number of hours of fraternal service during 2011 :
 - Sick/disabled members and their families — household chores, transportation, tutoring, counseling, etc.....

A MESSAGE FROM OUR "FINANCIAL SECRETARY"

Brother Knights,

According to an organization known as Independent Sector, a nonpartisan coalition for charities, foundation and corporate giving programs, the average rate for an hour of volunteering is worth \$21.36. Please consider completing this survey, cut it out, and return it to the Council ASAP (either by mail or dropping it off), so that our Fraternal Organization can truly assess the value of the many hours of service in our community.

You may also use the link below to complete the survey and email it to Norm Gousy FS at ngousy@admin.umass.edu. The Councils report is due by mid- January so please return or email your individual survey by December 31st so we have time to calculate the total.

Thanks for your help,

Norm Gousy, FS

http://www.kofc.org/un/en/forms/council/individual_survey1728a_p.pdf



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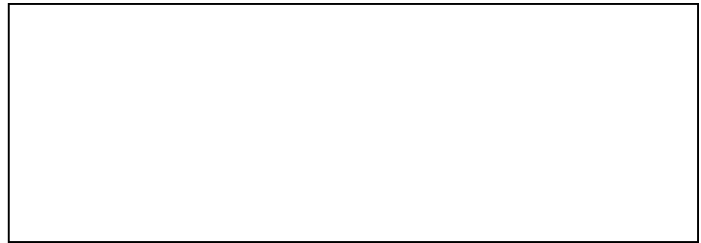
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