



# CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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## Two Month Calendar

| <b>Date/Time</b>         | <b>Event/Program</b>           | <b>Place/Location</b> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Sept. 9, Sunday 10:30AM  | Blue Mass-Bridgeport Diocese   | St. Joseph's, Danbury |
| Oct. 7, Sunday 1:30PM    | Living Rosary                  | Lourdes of Litchfield |
| Oct. 21, Sunday 1:30PM   | Fourth Degree Exemplification  | Willimantic           |
| Oct. 27, Saturday 5:00PM | Star Council Awards            | K of C Museum         |
| Oct. 28, Sunday 10:30AM  | Silver Rose Transfer from R.I. | St. Mary's, Coventry  |

## Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Dec. 1- 2,                                      DD Seminar and Christmas Party                                      Stamford Marriott

**More Details are available on State Council Website at:  
[ctstatecouncil.org](http://ctstatecouncil.org)**

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## Membership Director's Message

Scheduled degrees are below and on the CT State Council website:  
<http://www.ctstatecouncil.org/>.

### First Degrees:

Monday, Sep. 10<sup>th</sup>@6:30PM in New Haven  
Monday, [Sep. 10<sup>th</sup>@6:45PM](#) in Gales Ferry  
Tuesday, Sep. 11<sup>th</sup>@7:15PM in Monroe  
Wednesday, Sep. 12<sup>th</sup>@6:30PM in Cheshire  
Tuesday, Sep. 18<sup>th</sup>@7:00PM in Putnam  
Monday, Sep. 24<sup>th</sup>@6:30PM in Enfield  
Tuesday, Sep. 25<sup>th</sup>@6:30PM in Fairfield  
Tuesday, Sep. 25<sup>th</sup>@7:00PM in Middlebury  
Thursday, Sep. 27<sup>th</sup>@7:00PM in West Hartford  
Sunday, Sep. 30<sup>th</sup>@6:30PM in Tolland  
Monday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>@7:00PM in Bristol  
Tuesday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>@7:00PM in Glastonbury  
Sunday, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>@6:00PM in Suffield  
Monday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>@6:30PM in New Haven

**Monday, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>@6:56PM in Gales Ferry**  
**Tuesday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>@7:15PM in Monroe**

**You can reach the Membership Director Joe Rahtelli at email  
membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org.**

## **Program Director's Message**

**As we continue on in the new fraternal year, we need to reaffirm our commitment in Building the Domestic Church through our new *Faith in Action* model. Faith in Action replaces the former Surge with Service. Many new and exciting activities have been added. The following link, <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html>, is available for insight into the new program.**

**There were two families selected for the Family of the Month by Supreme for July, the Robert Bonvini family submitted by Council 5 in Wallingford and the Robert Leciere family submitted by Council 3181 in Windsor. This activity supports strengthening the Domestic Church in your parishes. Also, please note, the nominee does not have to be a member. For more information, contact Adam Pawlik at 860-384-2918.**

**There is a new State Program Incentive Plan for all Councils. Of the programs highlighted this month, the McGivney Guild, Family of the Month, Soccer Challenge and Vocation Poster Contest are a few of the activities quantified in the Incentive Plan. The details are available on the State website on the Program page, upper right side. Click on "Form" for more information.**

**Let's continue to promote the McGivney Guild and RSVP activities within your Councils. With the winter months ahead of us, the Food for Families program is especially important for all those in need. Let's continue to seek your Council's support for these and all our activities throughout the year.**

**The Soccer Challenge Information is available on the Supreme website. Council competitions need to be completed by September 28<sup>th</sup>, District competition by October 12<sup>th</sup>, with Regional and State finals to follow. The exact dates will be published as sites are confirmed. Please refer to State and Supreme websites for more information.**

**The Vocation Poster Contest begins in September and continues through October. All rules and details are available on the State website.**

**The Living Rosary will be held on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Lourdes of Litchfield. Details and directions are available on our State website. Come join us for this meaningful and worthwhile experience as we pray this year in conjunction with the Rosary Coast to Coast Program.**

**Save the date – 40 Days for Life – Sept. 26<sup>st</sup> thru Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Register your Council for one of the 40 Days for Life venues in your Diocese. It's a great opportunity for Knights to openly participate in a peaceful prayer vigil in support of our important Pro Life mission. At the same time, consider planning the new Novena for Life at your parishes and Councils during October, the month of PRO-LIFE. Remember to pray for the "BORN and UNBORN" in your intentions at the close of every meeting.**

**State Life Activities Liaison to the Archdiocese of Hartford, Tim Zukauskas, will be holding a panel discussion with the Pro-Life ministry team from the Archdiocese. Sr. Suzanne Gross, the**

Program Coordinator of the Pro-Life Ministry will lead the discussion. She and her team will present the Archdiocese's upcoming 40 Days for Life event as well as their other planned events for this coming year. The date is September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00PM at Council 2533's Hall at 2533 Main St., Glastonbury. GK's and DD's in the Hartford area are encouraged to attend.

On Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, Bishop Cote will offer a Vigil Mass of Prayer for Life at 7PM to start off the 40 Day Campaign at St. Patrick Cathedral, Norwich. All K of C members of the Diocese are encouraged to attend. State Life Activities Liaison to the Diocese of Norwich, Steve Maynard, is working with Fr. Brian Maxwell on this annual program again. It draws attention of thousands to the evil of abortion through the use of Prayer and Fasting and 40 day, 12 hour Prayer Vigils.

The Silver Rose arrives from the Rhode Island State Council on October 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary in Coventry and ends December 12th, at the Annual feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at St. Mary in New Haven. DD 15, Mike Lauzon, Co-Chairman will contact the DD's for Western CT and State Life Activities Director Richard Feil will contact the DD's in the Eastern and Northern districts.

Congratulations to St. Pope John XXIII Council 5987 in Monroe on the acceptance of their first requirement for the Ultrasound initiative by the Supreme Office. This is the home Council of our State's Faith Activities Director, Kevin Donovan.

The Ultrasound Van needs your support to keep rolling as well as for new ultrasound projects that truly save hundreds of babies in Connecticut. Refer to the Culture of Life webpage for further details or contact Rich Feil at 917-846-2723.

Remember, we cannot just dangle the activities out there, We need to convince the Council officers of their importance.

For additional information on these or any other program activities, please check the State Website at [www.ctctstatecouncil.org](http://www.ctctstatecouncil.org) or contact Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-5050 or [program.director@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:program.director@ctstatecouncil.org).

## Ceremonials

### Second/Third Degrees

Sunday, Sept. 9@12:30PM in Waterbury

Sunday, Sept. 23@12:30PM in Willimantic

Sunday, Oct. 14@12:00PM in Winsted

### Fourth Degree

Sunday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>@1:30PM in Willimantic

## State Deputy Message

My Brother Knights – Hopefully Fall will be a lot cooler than the last several weeks. Incentives remain in effect for September – provided that the State Council hits their quota of 250 new members by September 30<sup>th</sup>. As of September 5<sup>th</sup>, we have recruited 80 new Knights in CT. If we meet our goal of 250 new members by September 30<sup>th</sup>, there will be the following raffle: Each Council that recruits a new member will receive a raffle entry

for each new member they bring in to their council. There will be three \$125 checks raffled off. A council can only win one prize. District Deputies will have a similar raffle. There will be one prize of \$125 based on how many new members that district brings during these three months, AGAIN PROVIDED THAT THE STATE MAKES THEIR QUOTA OF 250 NEW MEMBERS. There is still time to make this happen.

Our website continues to receive updates. Please visit at [www.ctstatecouncil.org](http://www.ctstatecouncil.org). The state directories have been updated and are on the website. There are some minor changes still in process.

As you schedule your membership drives, please reach out to the membership teams and insurance field agents and general agents to help you.

All Councils will receive a letter from me towards the end of September outlining more information as it relates to the State Council, membership, programs and the upcoming Fourth Degree Exemplification.

The next major event scheduled is the Living Rosary on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. See the website for additional information and times. All District Deputies must be present with robes, if you have them. If you do not have a robe, a suit or jacket and tie are fine.

Vivat Jesus,  
Steven J. Bacon, State Deputy  
203-751-1384

## State Chaplain Message

Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Pray for Us. At the recently held 136<sup>th</sup> Supreme Convention of the Knights of Columbus, the Knights commissioned an icon, titled Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. The intent of this extraordinary icon is to encourage a prayerful response to those areas where it is not safe to be a Christian. In the Middle East, Christians face extermination. In 1915, Christians comprised 20 percent of the population. Today the number is 4 percent and still declining. Radical Islam is intent on wiping Christians off the face of the earth. Christians in Damascus and Aleppo are endangered almost weekly as they attend Sunday Mass and bombs go off. The destruction of our heritage and patrimony is ongoing against Christians and Christian Churches in countries such as Nigeria, Syria, China and many others. Knights, you all must respond with prayer and help raise consciousness of this serious issue. Our District Deputies will lead us in this prayerful response.

Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians Pray for Us. It is not a stretch of the imagination to extend this prayer effort not only to the persecuted Christians of the Middle East, but even beyond to the suffering victims of sexual abuse and the beleaguered Catholic Church with its scandals terribly damaging the highest offices of the Church.

The past several weeks have been so difficult for us Catholics. News of decades-old

cover-ups of sexual abuse in a number of dioceses in Pennsylvania and other dioceses across the country spread through the media. Surely, all of us by now, have heard about the letter published by Carlo Maria Vigano, the former papal nuncio to the United States, naming names of people involved in sexual abuse and cover-ups in America, and their enablers in Rome, up to the very highest levels. The news of immoral clerics and cowardly bishops is the modern passion and suffering in the Body of Christ – the Church. We are experiencing the “Living the Stations of the Cross” here and now in 2018. Unite with Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians and pray the “Living Stations of the Cross” we are suffering together. Join with her and pray, fast, and make reparation as we suffer united and together in the Body of Christ.

Support our good and holy bishops. They need us now more than ever. Maria Voce, the leader of the Focolare movement, an Italian lay movement, in support of the bishops in Italy, recently said, “In every wound of the Church and humanity we recognized the crucified and abandoned Christ, and, together with you, we look at Mary in order to live with courage your example as authentic bishops.” Brother Knights, our bishops need us more than ever.

The Body of Christ still suffers that we might be free. As we stand at the foot of His cross today, listen to Him tell us of His love for us. Tell Him you will never abandon Him, never deny Him, never run away. Promise Him your fidelity to the Holy Roman Catholic Church, your unity with Him, your love for everyone. Speak to Him from your heart. Pray, pray and pray some more. In response to both sexual abuse and the suffering Christians in the Middle East, attend to the call of our Bishops to all the faithful for prayerful acts such as Holy Hours, Rosaries and Masses of Reparation and Purification. Pray for healing of victims of sexual abuse and for the healing of the Catholic Church.

Vivat Jesus!  
Msgr. J. Peter Cullen  
Connecticut State Chaplain

## **State Secretary Message**

Worthy Grand Knights and Financial Secretaries,

The 2018-19 per capita bills were sent to the Financial Secretaries on record on June 1, 2018. If you have not received your per capita bill, please contact me at [state.secretary@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:state.secretary@ctstatecouncil.org) and I will get the bill to you. Right now there are 40 Councils who have not paid their per capita for the year. Second notices will be mailed soon. Per capita is the main source of income for the State Council to continue to run State Programs.

## **State Advocate Message**

Liability Insurance Program through Lockton Affinity

All Councils need liability insurance. Council liability insurance will cover something like a claim if someone gets injured at a council event. Don't assume that someone else will cover you. Supreme does not provide insurance for councils, and neither does the State

**Council. Parishes and dioceses usually expect Councils to have their own insurance, so don't be surprised if your parish asks for an insurance certificate. If you do not already have liability insurance, or you have a policy that costs a lot of money, contact me to find out about the liability insurance program available through Lockton Affinity.**

**There about 70 councils and assemblies currently in the Lockton program, and they will receive their invoices soon. The premium is around \$2.40 per active member per year and provides several million dollars in coverage. Lockton also provides Directors and Officers liability insurance which covers claims for things like breach of contract or discrimination, at a low premium. It is rare for there to be a valid claim, but even a frivolous claim can cost a lot of money to defend against. Lockton is a separate company from the K of C. Councils are not required to use Lockton for their liability insurance. The State Council helps Lockton to administer this program, which keeps the cost down, but does not receive any compensation for doing this. Assemblies should also be adequately insured, especially ones that conduct event son their own.**

### **Safe Environment Training**

**For several years, Supreme has required certain officers and directors to do online Safe Environment training through a company named Praesidium. For this year, GK, Program Director, Family Director and Community Director are required to do the program. This is IN ADDITION TO any program that your parish or diocese might require. Parishes and dioceses across the county have different requirements and programs. The K of C needs one standard program. Anyone who needs to do the training will receive an email from Praesidium, but assumes that the council has filed a Form 185 and Form 365 with email addresses, so make sure that was done. Starting this year, compliance with Safe Environment is a condition for Star Council.**

### **Home Corporations**

**By now, all councils that use home corporation facilities should have received several copies of the Handbook for Councils Using Home Corporation Facilities. Compliance with the Handbook is a Rule of the Order and is mandatory. The purpose of this process is to make sure that councils have a positive relationship with a home corporation building. If the council benefits from using the home corporation facility, then there is a standard Terms of Use Agreement that needs to be approved and signed. There is also a charitable Distribution Agreement which deals with the issue of what happens if the building is sold at some point. If the council does not benefit from using the home corporation facility, then it needs to consider disengaging from the home corporation. All of this is detailed in the Handbook. There are cases where home corporations sold their buildings, and keep the money in a separate bank account. Normally, the money should be paid to the local council. Local councils are prohibited from establishing local charity corporations. If a council has a lot of money to invest, it should consider K of C Asset Advisors. They are experts who invest Supreme's money, and all investments are screened for consistency with Catholic morals.**

### **Taxes – Form 990**

**Every council and assembly is required to file a Form 990 tax return with the IRS. If**

gross receipts are less than \$50,000 per year, then it is a simple online filing that does not require any third party help. There are scammers who try to charge you for their help in filing the form, but most councils do not need any help. If your gross receipts are higher than \$50,000, then you will have to file a slightly more complicated form. If you fail to file for 3 years, the IRS will revoke your exemption from income tax and you may have to go through a complex and expensive process to get reinstated.

### Name and Emblem

The names and emblems of the Order (including ‘Knights of Columbus’, ‘K of C’, the emblems of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Degree, etc.) are valuable and important. Members, councils and assemblies have a limited license to use them for ordinary fraternal use when promoting their programs or membership, and should always include the council or assembly name and number and the town and state. No one can establish a company, corporation, organization, business, etc. that uses a name or emblem of the Order without the written consent of Supreme. This includes home corporations, charities, etc. All of us have to do our part in protecting and names and emblems. If these rules are not followed, then it harms the Order by weakening the protections that we have under intellectual property law.

If you have any questions about any of the items above, contact the State Advocate at [state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org).

**Matt McGrath**  
State Advocate

### **“A Call to Action” for All Catholic Men**

Through the efforts of Brother Knights in Mystic Council #1943, a series of retreats have been initiated to understand our current moral crisis in society and its impact on the Church and to challenge men into action as a : Catholic man, loving husband, caring father. The current programs available are Saturday 7:30AM through Sunday noon Mass, or just one full day. Learn how Jesus can be a life changing, energizing force in your life.

For more information, please contact Retreat Director Bill Bertsche at [bertsche@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bertsche@sbcglobal.net), Knights Mentor Pete Balestracci at [plabal386@gmail.com](mailto:plabal386@gmail.com), or Lou Tedeschi at [lctedeschi@comcast.net](mailto:lctedeschi@comcast.net) or 860-464-2453.