



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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Two Month Calendar

Date/Time	Event/Program	Place/Location
Jan. 20, Sunday 10:00AM	Prolife Mass	St. Mary's New Haven

Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Mar. 31, Sunday 5PM	Father McGivney Award Dinner	Aqua Turf - Plantsville
Apr. 14, Sunday 2PM	Stations of the Cross	St. Margaret's Bridgeport
Apr. 25-28, Thu-Sun	State Convention	Hartford Marriott

More Details are available on State Council Website at:
ctstatecouncil.org

Membership Director's Message

Great First Quarter Recruiting Incentive

It's simple, in January through March, bring in new members (intake) that total 25% or more of your council's fraternal year membership goal and get entered into a raffle with the chance to win 1 of 10 \$100 prizes.

Membership Director's Message

Happy New Year. Let's start off this New Year by bringing in new members. The new incentive is a great opportunity to get a prize and get some recognition for your council.

As always, there are three ways to recruit new member:

1. Take a candidate to any of many First Degrees in the state this month listed on www.ctstatecouncil.org/events.html.
2. Have a candidate watch the First Degree on a DVD. DVDs are available through Supplies Online.
3. Have a candidate become a member online through kofc.org/join. Make sure that during signup they specify your council number so it is known what council they

want to join. Then have them attend/watch their First Degree and he will count toward your goal.

First Degree:

Tuesday, January 8 @ 7:15 PM in Monroe
Thursday, January 10 @ 7:00 PM in Colchester
Sunday, January 13 @ 10:15 AM in Putnam
Monday, January 14 @ 6:30 PM in New Haven
Monday, January 14 @ 6:45 PM in Gales Ferry
Tuesday, January 22 @ 6:30 PM in Fairfield
Sunday, January 27 @ 6:30 PM in Rockville
Monday, January 28 @ 6:30 PM in Enfield
Tuesday, January 29 @ 7:00 PM in Middlebury
Sunday, February 3 @ 6:00 PM in Suffield
Monday, February 4 @ 7:00 PM in Bristol
Tuesday, February 5 @ 7:00 PM in Glastonbury
Monday, February 11 @ 6:30 PM in New Haven
Monday, February 11 @ 6:45 PM in Gales Ferry
Tuesday, February 12 @ 7:15 PM in Monroe
Thursday, February 14 @ 7:00 PM in Colchester
Sunday, February 24 @ 6:30 PM in Tolland
Monday, February 25 @ 6:30 PM in Enfield
Tuesday, February 26 @ 6:30 PM in Fairfield
Tuesday, February 26 @ 7:00 PM in Middlebury
Thursday, February 28 @ 7:00 PM in West Hartford

Second/Third Degrees:

Sunday, January 27, 2019 @ 12:00 PM in Wallingford
Sunday, April 7, 2019 @ 12:00 PM in North Haven

Fourth Degree:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 in Hamden

Let's congratulate these councils that are "Growing the Order":

Fraternal YTD:

17 - Cheshire #2978
11 - Sandy Hook #185
10 - New Haven #10705
9 - Greenwich #39
8 - Stamford #41
8 - Wilton #12698
7 - Portland #7
7 - Putnam #64
7 - Monroe #5987

December:

5 - Sandy Hook #185
4 - Unionville #32
3 - Portland #7
2 - Bristol #35
2 - Greenwich #39

2 - New Milford #40
2 - Enfield #50
2 - Simsbury #2758
2 - Cheshire #2978
2 - Chester #3037
2 - Somersville #4303
2 - Coventry #4313
2 - East Hampton #6190

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

Program Director's Message

As we begin 2019, let us reaffirm our commitment in Building the Domestic Church through our new **Faith in Action** model. Many new and exciting activities have been added by Supreme to continue in developing our families, parishes and communities. The following link into our Supreme website can provide insight into the **Faith in Action** program model and provides the new forms for reporting your Faith in Action activities.

<http://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html>.

State Program Incentive Plan. Of the programs highlighted this month, the **McGivney Guild, Family of the Month, Marian Icon Program and Basketball Free Throw** 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, and click on "Form".

2019 Council Growth Award. Details have been published and are also available on the State Council website.

Columbian Award Application Form SP-7. Councils must earn at least 16 credits, four from each of the categories: **Faith, Family, Community and Life** and complete these four programs: *Spiritual Reflection Program (Faith), Consecration to the Holy Family (Family), Helping Hands (Community) and Novena for Life (Life)*. All the necessary forms can be found on the Supreme website.

Service Program Personnel Report Form 365. There are still many Councils who have not filed this form. It is necessary to do so especially for the Council's Program, Community and Family Directors. These positions require Safe Environment Training and background check authorizations. Failure to do so will disqualify the Council from Columbian Award aspirations. We encourage councils to log into Member Management – Council Administration – Service Program Personnel to report you Service Program Personnel for this fraternal year.

Food for Families. During the winter months, this program is especially important for all those dealing with hardships. Your Council might consider conducting food drives to support the local organizations who distribute food to those in need.

Family of the Month. Although four councils participated in the program for November, no family was selected by Supreme. This program costs nothing to participate in and is a wonderful way to recognize a local family in your parish. At this time with so many challenges facing families and our church, this simple recognition can go a long way in building up and supporting our families. Please considering participating in this very worthy program. For more information contact Adam Pawlik at 860-384-2918.

Tootsie Roll Campaign. This is a program developed to help your Council give back to the community of People with Intellectual Disabilities. Simply pass out tootsie rolls to customers and accept donations. You can conduct the drive at your Church, a sporting event or anywhere your creativity will bring you to the public. Not only is this an excellent event for your members to involve their families, as your children and wives often yield the best results! Contact Ellis Canal at 860-875-2276 for more details.

Marian Icon Program. Our three new Marian Icons “*Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians*” continue their journey throughout out state. Each District will have an Icon available to them for two months, ample time for each Council in the District to have it for a least a week in their parishes. Contact Joe Murphy at 860-536-1431 for more details.

Pro Life Mass. Our Annual Pro Life Mass, Sunday, January 20, 2019 will be at St. Mary’s Church, New Haven. This Mass will be at 10:00 AM followed by our Annual Baby Shower. Please start collecting baby items and council donations for this event. Also, consider funding your diocesan youth bus trips to the annual March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 18, 2019.

Ultrasound Van. Your support is needed to keep it rolling as well as for new ultrasound projects that truly save hundreds of babies. Refer to the Life webpage for further details and information on all these key projects.

Basketball Free Throw. This is the month most councils conduct their council level competitions. The District (February) and Regionals (March) competitions follow. Our tentative date for the State Finals at St Paul High School in Bristol will be Saturday, April 13, 2019.

Catholic Essay Contest. This program is open for students in grades 8 through 12. All entries must be submitted prior to the March 31, 2019 deadline. (Questions, contact Jim Ciaglo at 860-537-5369).

Substance Abuse Poster Contest. This program has two categories and is open to children ages 8 through 14. District winners must be submitted prior to the March 10, 2019 deadline. (Questions, contact Steve Mieczkowski at 203-378-9521).

Scholarships. This program is open to high school seniors planning to attend college. Applications must be submitted prior to the March 1, 2019 deadline. (Questions, contact Jim Ciaglo at 860-537-5369).

All information for these programs are available on our State Council website.

REMINDERS...January 31, 2019 is the deadline for Councils to submit the following **Forms** to the Supreme Office:
Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – Form #1728
Partnership with Special Olympic Profile – Form #4584
Basketball Free Throw Championship - Form FT-1
Substance Abuse Awareness Contest Participation - Form 4001

Remember, **We Cannot Just Dangle Our Programs Out There, We Need To Sell Them.**

For Additional information on these or any other program activities, please check the State Website www.ctstatecouncil.org/ or contact the Program Director: Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-7050 or program.director@ctstatecouncil.org.

State Deputy Message

My Brother Knights - Happy New Year!!!! I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

A couple weeks ago we sent a package to all Financial Secretaries with information regarding the convention, credential cards, necrology letter and a resolutions letter. This should be discussed at your meetings in January. By the middle of January the State Website will have all this information as well. Membership in the state has picked up speed in the month of November and December, but we remain under our quota with 6 months to go. If you have not scheduled a membership drive, please work on this immediately and contact our membership team at membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org or any State Officer.

Some important events coming up:

January 20, 2019 - Pro Life Mass at St. Mary's Church in New Haven – 10:00 am. Baby shower and refreshments to follow in the church hall. Under Program section of the State website has a list of all items needed for the baby shower. All items collected will be distributed to all three dioceses.

March 31, 2019 - is the Annual McGivney Award Dinner at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Social Hour starts at 4:00 pm, Dinner starts at 5:00 pm. The honoree this year is Father Jim Sullivan from Waterbury who has led the campaign for Father McGivney for several years and last year was key in bring Holy Land in Waterbury back to life and held a mass in honoree of Father McGivney on the mountain. A brief biography will be on the website soon and all the information regarding this dinner.

April 7 - is the Annual State Council Bowling Tournament at Wolcott Bowling Lanes. 12:30 pm registration and 1:00 pm bowling begins.

April 14 - is the Stations of the Cross at St. Margaret's Shrine in Bridgeport that begins at 1:00 pmpm. Bishop Caggiano will be presiding.

April 26 to 28 - is the Annual State Convention to be held at the Hartford Marriott. This year's honoree is Past State Deputy, Thomas Vita. All raffle tickets have been mailed, the drawing will

be at 8:00 pm on Friday, April 26th, the meeting and annual dinner is on Saturday, April 27th, and the Necrology Mass followed by the Program Awards will take place on Sunday, April 28th. Please go to the State Website for all the details.

I hope everyone has a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Steven J. Bacon
CT State Deputy
203-751-1384

State Chaplain Message

Brother Knights, the Christmas Season lasts until January 13th so in addition to wishing you a Merry Christmas, I wish you a very Happy New Year! God continues to bless us in so many ways and blesses so many needy people through our charity and outreach. Thank you.

Many people are packing away the ornaments and taking down the Christmas tree. During Advent, we opened our hearts to be ready to receive Jesus. Now, please don't discard Jesus along with the wrapping paper. Worship Him and acknowledge him in your heart always.

Making "New Year's Resolutions" is a tradition. But it is often the target of satire and humor, as the list of resolutions looks remarkably the same year after year. This year, my brother Knights, I am offering you some ideas for special and spiritual resolutions. Consider renewing your dedication to the Lord, your commitment to faith in Jesus and in the Catholic Church. Consider prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Consider developing the virtues: prudence, temperance, justice, fortitude, faith, hope and charity. In a very important way make a personal and Council resolution to grow our councils. Let us build up our Councils and Assemblies, Membership Programs and Recruitment, Membership and Council Retention. Christ is expecting so much from each one of our councils and each one of us.

Finally, start 2019 strong by speaking up for the unborn! Urge the Grand Knights in your areas to get involved with their councils and parishes encouraging them to join the National March for Life on Friday, January 18. It is hard for many to go to Washington D.C. but we can all get down on our knees and pray for the sanctity and dignity of all life.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Vivat Jesus.

Msgr. J. Peter Cullen
Connecticut State Chaplain

State Secretary Message

Credential Cards

The Financial Secretaries from each council have been mailed the credential cards for this year's State Convention. There were 3 cards mailed, 1 for each elected delegate and 1 to be sent into the State Secretary. At your first business meeting please elect your delegates and have the

Financial Secretary forward the 3rd credential card with the names of the delegates and the seal of the council to:

Gary McKeone
State Secretary
99 Appletree Drive
East Hartford CT 06118

Necrology Report

The State Council Necrology Mass will be held Sunday April 28, 2019 at the Hartford Marriott 200 Columbus Blvd. Hartford Ct. To have the members of your council who passed between 4/1/2018 and 3/31/2019 remembered at this Mass please forward their names to me at:

State.secretary@ctstatecouncil.org

When sending the names please make note of their highest office held and if they were Honorary Life Members.

Council Per Capita

For Councils to participate at the State Convention or for them to be eligible for any awards they must be up to date on their per capita. Below is a list of councils who have yet to pay their per capita for this year. Please remit payment as soon as possible to:

Gary McKeone
State Secretary
99 Appletree Drive
East Hartford CT 06118

Councils still owing per capita are:

3	4	23	30	31
37	47	2087	2616	3901
4303	5467	6119	6305	6801
7124	10454	11405	12080	14017
15461	16295			

“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, Knights Mentor Pete Balestracci at plabal386@gmail.com, or Lou Tedeschi at lctedeschi@comcast.net or 860-464-2453.