



# CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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## Two Month Calendar

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event/Program</b>	<b>Place/Location</b>
Feb. 23, Saturday 9:30AM	FS / FC Training	Knights Museum
Mar. 31, Sunday 5PM	Father McGivney Award Dinner	Aqua turf - Plantsville

## Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Apr., 7, Sunday 1PM	State Bowling Tournament	
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](http://ctstatecouncil.org)**

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## 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.

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](http://www.ctstatecouncil.org/events.html).
2. Have a candidate watch the First Degree on a DVD. DVDs are available through supply or in Officers Online.
3. Have a candidate become a member online through [kofc.org/join](http://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, 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  
Sunday, March 3 @ 6:00 PM in Suffield  
Monday, March 4 @ 7:00 PM in Bristol  
Tuesday, March 5 @ 7:00 PM in Glastonbury  
Monday, March 11 @ 6:30 PM in New Haven  
Monday, March 11 @ 6:45 PM in Gales Ferry  
Tuesday, March 12 @ 7:15 PM in Monroe  
Thursday, March 14 @ 7:00 PM in Colchester  
Sunday, March 17 @ 9:30 AM in Putnam  
Monday, March 25 @ 6:30 PM in Enfield  
Tuesday, March 26 @ 6:30 PM in Fairfield  
Tuesday, March 26 @ 7:00 PM in Middlebury  
Sunday, March 31 @ 6:30 PM in Rockville

**Second/Third Degrees:**

Sunday, March 3, 2019 @ 12:00 PM in Monroe  
Sunday, March 10, 2019 @ 12:00 PM in East Haven  
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:**

19 - Cheshire #2978  
14 - Sandy Hook #185  
12 - New Haven #10705  
10 - Greenwich #39  
9 - Newington #3884  
8 - Putnam #64  
8 - Stamford #41  
8 - Wilton #12698  
7 - Oakville #3594  
7 - Enfield #50  
7 - Portland #7  
7 - Monroe #5987

**January:**

6 - Oakville #3594

6 - Newington #3884  
5 - Ridgefield #245  
4 - Storrs #14209  
3 - Sandy Hook #185

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

## Program Director's Message

Let us continue our commitment in Building the Domestic Church through our new **Faith in Action** model. Many new and exciting activities have been added by the Supreme Council 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.

[www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html](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".

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

**Service Program Personnel Report Form 365.** There are still many councils that 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.

**State Council Service Programs Awards.** Councils must submit the new **Form #STSP**. All entries must be received by **March 31, 2019** and sent to ..... **Ted Pacanowski, State Program Director, 74 Jog Hill Road, Trumbull, CT 06611**. All State Winners will qualify for entry into International Competition.

**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.** The Families of the Month selected by the Supreme Council for December were the Michael Fitzgerald family submitted by Council 6281, Suffield and the Thomas Maher family submitted by Council 7054, Ledyard. Congratulations. 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 consider participating in this very worthy program. For more information contact Adam Pawlik at 860-384-2918.

**Basketball Free Throw.** This is the month most Districts conduct their District level competitions. The regional's are as follows: **North East**, St Rose, East Hartford, Saturday, March 2, 11am; **North West**, University of Hartford, Sunday, March 3, 11am; **South West**, Southington Catholic School, Southington, Saturday, March 9, 11am; **South East**, St John School, Old Saybrook, Saturday, March 23, 11am. The State Finals will be at St Paul High School in Bristol, Saturday, April 13, 2019. Continue to refer to the State website for the site details and up to date information.

**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. Each Council in the District will have an Icon for at **least a week**, ample time to schedules service in their Parishes. Contact Joe Murphy at 860-536-1431 for more details.

**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).

**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.

**Christian Refugee Relief Fund.** Since 2014, the K of C CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND has donated more than \$13 million for humanitarian assistance. Consider asking your pastor for approval to sell the Jerusalem crosses at special Lenten event or weekend services or other means to raise funds for this program during the Lenten season. Contact DD Hicham Bourjaili - State Chairman of Christian Refuge Relief, for support opportunities and a copy of a PowerPoint presentation.

**Novena For Life.** Consider sponsoring the Novena from March 18 to March 26, with an event on March 19, feast day of St. Joseph, Patron of Fathers. Review the recommended toolkit from the USCCB program, 9 DAYS FOR LIFE. Contact State Chairman Steve Ellis for readily available resources.

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

**REMINDERS...**If you have not done so already, please file these *Forms* due January 31, 2019 with 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/](http://www.ctstatecouncil.org/) or contact the Program Director: Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-7050 or [program.director@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:program.director@ctstatecouncil.org).

## State Deputy Message

My Brother Knights - Happy February, I wonder what the Ground Hog has in store for us this year.

Again, several weeks ago convention information was sent out. All that information can be found on the State Council website. We should have costs associated with meals up in a few days. Remember you should be discussing the convention at your meetings.

Membership in the State is continuing to pick up speed, but we still remain under our quota. We are coming upon the Lenten Season and what a better time than now to join the best Catholic Fraternal Organization in the world. If you have not scheduled a membership drive, please work on this immediately and contact our membership team at [membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org) or any State Officer.

Some important events coming up, more detailed information can be found on the website [www.ctstatecouncil.org](http://www.ctstatecouncil.org)

March 31, 2019 - is the Annual McGivney Award Dinner at the Aqua Turf in Southington. Social Hour starts at 4pm, Dinner starts at 5pm. The honoree this year is Father Jim Sullivan from Waterbury who has lead 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.

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

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

April 26 to 28th 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 9pm on Friday, April 26th, the meeting and annual dinner is on Saturday, April 27th, and

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the Necrology Mass followed by the Program Awards will take place on Sunday, April 28th. Please go to the CT State Website for all the details.

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

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## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Connecticut 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](mailto: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 Convention or for them to be eligible for any awards they must be up to date on their per capita.

Gary McKeone  
State Secretary  
99 Appletree Drive  
East Hartford CT 06118

## **State Warden Message**

**Leadership Awards** - The following awards are offered by the State Council and are presented at the State Convention. Annually the State Council recognize individuals of councils, district and the State Council, who exemplify outstanding leadership qualities. Grand knights and district deputies are encourage to submit nominations for consideration for one the various leadership awards.

- Knight of the Year Award
- Youth of the Year Award
- Grand Knight of the Year
- Family of the Year Award
- District Deputy of the Year Award
- Donald LeClair Leadership Award

Submission of the Leadership Award Forms are due March 1st. Please send all form nominations to State Warden David Gianotti at [State.Warden@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:State.Warden@ctstatecouncil.org)

**David M. Gianotti**  
**State Warden**

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### **“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.