



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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Two Month Calendar

| Date/Time | Event/Program | Place/Location |
|----------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| June 8-9, Sat-Sun | Special Olympics | SCSU-New Haven |
| June 17, Monday 8 AM | State Council Golf Outing | Lyman Orchards Middlefield, CT |
| July 12-13, Fri-Sat | District Deputy Seminar | Marriott Courtyard Cromwell |

Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

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| Aug. 18, Sun 10 AM | Silver Rose Transfer from NY | St. Mary's New Haven |
| Sept. 7. Sat Time TBD | Installation of State Officers | Check State website |
| Sept. 8, Sun Time TBD | Silver Rose Transfer to RI | St. Edmund's Mystic |

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

Membership Director's Message

WEEKS AWAY TO ATTAIN STAR COUNCIL AND GROWTH AWARD
Special Supreme Incentive for councils that achieve STAR COUNCIL. Star Council will get your council credit of \$4.50 per billable council member.

The State will recognize councils with the GROWTH AWARD by having their NET NET MEMBERS GROW BY AT LEAST ONE FROM LAST JULY 1ST TO THIS JUNE 30TH.

If you want assistance to achieve any goal, please contact State Membership Director Joe Rahtelli at membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org.

MAY-JUNE MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

Any council that recruits six (6) new members or more between May 1st and June 30th will be entered into a raffle. The raffle prize depends on the number of councils that qualify. The more qualifiers the larger the prize:

| <u>Number of Qualifiers</u> | <u>Raffle Prize</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| Less than five: | \$250 |
| Between five and nine: | \$500 |
| Ten or More: | \$1,000 |

Make sure you qualify for the great raffle prize.

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 supply.
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:

Monday, June 10 @ 6:30 PM in New Haven
Monday, June 10 @ 6:45 PM in Gales Ferry
Tuesday, June 11 @ 7:15 PM in Monroe
Thursday, June 13 @ 7:00 PM in Colchester
Sunday, June 23 @ 6:30 PM in Tolland
Monday, June 24 @ 6:30 PM in Enfield
Tuesday, June 25 @ 7:00 PM in Middlebury
Thursday, June 27 @ 7:00 PM in West Hartford

Second/Third Degrees:

Sunday, June 2, 2019 @ 12:00 PM in Groton

Fourth Degree:

Sunday, October 20, 2019 in Bridgeport

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

Fraternal YTD:

26 - New Haven #10705
24 - Sandy Hook #185
19 - Cheshire #2978
18 - Enfield #50
15 - Newington #3884
15 - Greenwich #39

12 - Monroe #5987
11 - Putnam #64
11 - South Windsor #5779
10 - Brookfield #11913

18 - Gaetano Mascolo, #185
10 - James Fletcher, #2978
8 - David St Hilaire, #10705
6 - Michael Purdy, #12698
5 - Paul Isla, #41
5 - Christopher Martin, #3594
5 - Philip Gordon, #1155
5 - Richard Losh, #3884
5 - Timothy Butler, #2287

May:

5 - Newington #3884
3 - Putnam #64
3 - Manchester #1155
3 - Trumbull #2961
2 - Cromwell #6
2 - Southington #15
2 - Waterbury #42
2 - Stafford Springs #1395
2 - Coventry #4313
2 - New Haven #8372
2 - West Hartford #10267

2 - Philip Mazzatti, #15
2 - Hicham Bourjaili, #42
2 - Philip Gordon, #1155
2 - Richard Losh, #3884
2 - William Mitchell, #3884
2 - Gerard Freda, #10267

Any questions, please contact State Membership Director Joe Rahtelli at membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org.

Program Director's Message

As the 2018-2019 Fraternal Year draws to a close, it is important for all Councils to finish the year strong, completing the required forms and begin planning for the new year.

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. Councils who have not submitted Form 365 to Supreme with their Program, Community and Family Directors identified and completing Safe Environment Training and background check authorizations will disqualify the Council from Columbian Award aspirations. The deadline for submitting the **SP-7** application to the Supreme office is **June 30, 2019**.

Family of the Month. The April winner selected by the Supreme Office is the Albert Middleton 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 considering participating in this very worthy program. For more information contact Adam Pawlik at 860-384-2918.

Food for Families. As we look forward to the springtime weather, this program is especially important for all those dealing with hardships. Your Council might consider conducting a food drive to support the local organizations who distribute food to those in need in your community.

Special Olympics. Saturday June 8th from 8 am to 5pm and Sunday June 9th from 8 am to 4pm. This year we have two main locations, Southern Connecticut State University and Yale University. Track events will be at the Yale location. Yes, we will be manning TWO Olympic Towns. More help than in past years is needed to support the athletics. Consider volunteering as an individual, with your family, with members of your Council or with members of your Assembly. Help out for a few hours or spend the day. All are welcome. Details can be found on the state website or contact Jim Wilson at jwilson4660@sbcglobal.net or 860-471-5222 for more details or to volunteer. Please consider helping this year as we are committed to making this a fun time for the athletics and we cannot do it without YOU.

Vocation Golf Tournament. Monday, June 17th at Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield. The day begins with 7:30 am registration, followed by breakfast with an 8:30 shotgun start. If you are unable to attend, sponsorships are available. This is a fun event that supports men studying for the priesthood or religious life throughout the state. Ask your Pastor or parish priest to join your foursome as it is Father's Day weekend. Details can be found on the State website or contact Kevin Brady at kevin.brady@kofc.org or 203-654-1717.

Marian Icon Program. Our three Marian Icons "*Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians*" continue their journey throughout our state. Each District will have an Icon available to them for two months providing the opportunity for each Council in the District to have an Icon for at **least a week**, ample time to schedule service in their Parishes. Contact Joe Murphy at 860-536-1431 for more details.

Silver Rose. We will received the Silver Rose from New York on August 18th in New Haven and transfer it to Rhode Island on September 8th at Enders Island, Mystic. As the Silver Rose's journey though out our state will be only 20 days this year, it is important for those interested in having the Silver Rose for a parish service contact George Zocco at 203-288-5493.

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.

Faith In Action 2018-2019 Program Incentive. Records indicate there our Councils still working on completing the requirements for the Award. Application is available on the State website, "Program" page upper right corner. The deadline for all application submittals to the Program Director is June 30, 2019.

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

Let us continue our commitment in Building the Domestic Church through our new **Faith in Action** model. Many new and exciting activities are available 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>.

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 Program Director: Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-7050 or program.director@ctstatecouncil.org

State Chaplain's Corner

Dear Brother Knights,

As you all must know by now, I will be stepping away from my position as Connecticut State Chaplain at the end of June, the conclusion of this Fraternal Year. It has been a great honor to serve you these past several years. My love and dedication to the Knights of Columbus is as strong as ever. I continue as local Chaplain to Council 39 in Greenwich.

I will not disappear completely. I am sure you will see me, from time to time, at State of Connecticut events. Thank you for your service and witness to the Faith in Jesus and to the Catholic Church. The Church needs your witness and work as much as ever. Let's continue to grow the Order.

Vivat Jesus!

Msgr. J. Peter Cullen

State Deputy Message

My Brother Knights – I can't believe that June is here. The summer is here and we are far behind our membership goals. We have less than 30 days and we need to push, push, push membership. If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Director, General Agents for help with your membership.

With this being my last Newsletter entry as State Deputy, I want to once again thank everyone who helped me over the last two years. It has been a rewarding two years and I look forward to helping State Deputy-Elect Gary McKeone and the State Staff. The State continues to have a great team. We all need to work together to make the State grow and I know that we can do it!

Vivat Jesus!

Stephen J. Bacon
State Deputy

State Secretary Message

2019-20 Per Capita Bills: The Bills for the 2019-20 per capita will be mailed out to the Council FS's in the next 2 weeks. If your Council has switched FS in the past year please forward the new FS information to state.secretary@ctstatecouncil.org

At the convention this past April the per capita rate was increased to \$8.25 per active member. Your Council will receive an \$8.25 credit for Honorary Life and Disabled members. The Council will also be credited \$3.75 for each inactive member.

Gary McKeone
State Secretary
CT State Council
Knights of Columbus
860-989-5252

State Advocate Message

Liability Insurance for Councils and Assemblies

Every Council and Assembly needs to protect itself and its members with a General Liability (GL) insurance policy which names its Parish and Diocese as Additional Insured parties. More Parishes are now requiring proof of this. If your Council or Assembly needs GL insurance, contact the State Advocate at state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org. We have a program through Lockton Affinity which provides very good coverage at low rates. Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance is also available. GL insures against claims for personal injury or property damage. D&O insures against claims arising from decisions by the Council or Assembly.

Home Corporations

If your Council uses a home corporation facility (sometimes called a "council home," "Knight's Hall," "KofC Club" etc.), then you are required to follow the instructions in the Handbook for Councils Using Home Corporation Facilities, and to sign the Terms of Use Agreement (a rental or license agreement) and the Charitable Distribution Agreement (which clarifies the Council's rights in case the building gets sold or the corporation terminates). Handbooks were widely distributed in the past and everything is available on the Officers Desk Reference on the kofc.org website. Any Council that uses a home corporation but has not done this is in violation of the Laws and Rules of the Order. If you have questions, contact the State Advocate at state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org.

Council & Assembly Tax Filing / IRS Form 990

The K of C Supreme Council is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code, because it is a fraternal benefit society that provides insurance benefits to members. Local Councils and Assemblies get the same tax exempt status, provided that they comply with the requirement to file a Form 990 tax return every year. Councils and Assemblies with less than \$50,000 in annual revenue can use the Form 990-N, which is an easy, free online filing that requires very little information and takes just a few minutes. Councils or Assemblies with more revenue have to do a longer form. If a Council or Assembly does not file for 3 years, it will lose its tax exempt status. Getting it back takes a bit of work, a long application form, and may also require a fee of \$600. You do not want to have to deal with this, so file the form. If the IRS sees a lot of Councils and Assemblies that do not care about their tax status or filing forms, it may begin to wonder why we have tax exempt status at all. If you have questions, contact the State Advocate at state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org.

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