



# CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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## Two Month Calendar

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event/Program</b>	<b>Place/Location</b>
Oct. 15, Sunday 1PM	4 <sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification	St. Jude's-Monroe
Oct. 21, Saturday 9AM-5PM	CT Catholic Men's conference	St. Paul's H S-Bristol
Nov. 4, Saturday 11AM-2PM	State Soccer Finals	New Britain H S Field
Nov. 4, Saturday 6:00PM	Star Council Award Presentation	Supreme Museum-New Haven
Nov. 5, Sunday 11AM	Silver Rose Mass & Transfer	St. Mathias-East Lyme
Nov. 24, Friday 9A-Noon	Coats for Kids Annual Program	Various Parts of CT
Dec. 2-3, Sat-Sun	Winter DD Seminar	Stamford-Marriott

## Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Jan. 21, Sunday, 10AM	Pro-life Mass	St. Mary's-New Haven
Mar., 25, Sunday 1PM	Stations of the Cross	St. Margaret's-Bridgeport
Mar., 25, Sunday 4PM	Venerable Fr. McGivney Award Dinner	Aqua Turf-Plantsville
May 4-6, Fri-Sun	Ct. State Convention (125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	Marriott Stamford

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

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## Membership Director's Message

Membership is our life blood. 76% of our membership growth comes from Star Councils. Member recruitment should be our number one priority. Any questions, or need help? Please contact Membership Director Joe Rahtelli at email [membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org).

## Program Director's Message

There was no Family of the Month for Supreme from Connecticut. Please have your Councils support this activity. For more information, contact Paul Healey at 203-430-0051.

Let's continue to promote the following year round activities within our Councils; The McGivney Guild, RSVP Program, Food For Families, Coats for Kids. The Tootsie Roll campaign for people with intellectual and physical challenges is underway in Connecticut. The Soccer Challenge Finals are in November. For more information, please contact Chris Gonzalez at 860-543-0886.

**The Vocation Poster Contest must be submitted in November, Keep Christ in Christmas will follow in December. Please contact Kevin Donovan at 203-570-4372 for more information.**

**This is October, the month of Mary. Encourage your Councils to prayer the Rosary at meetings or at your parishes.**

**January 21<sup>st</sup>, is Pro-Life Sunday in Connecticut. In addition to the Mass at St. Mary's at 10AM, we encourage everyone attending to start baby items to donate to the annual Baby Shower which follows the Mass. Also consider, sponsoring a bus trip to attend the annual March for Life in Washington, DC.**

**We need to build up our Culture of Life activities in each Diocese. The Ultra Sound program needs your support to continue the mission of saving as many unborn children as possible. Contact Rich Feil at 860-846-2723.**

**We continue to rely on your support for increasing participation in all our program activities. For additional information on these or any other program activities, please check the State Website at [www.ctctstatecouncil.org](http://www.ctctstatecouncil.org) or contacted Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-5050 or [program.director@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:program.director@ctstatecouncil.org).**

## **Ceremonials**

### **First Degree Schedule for October:**

**Monday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>@7pm in Gales Ferry  
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Tuesday, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>@7:30pm in Monroe  
Thursday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>@7:30pm in Greenwich  
Thursday, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>@7:30pm in Newington  
Sunday, Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>@7pm in Tolland  
Tuesday, Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>@7pm in Fairfield  
Wednesday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>@7:30pm in Torrington  
Thursday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>@7pm in Danielson  
Thursday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>@7:30pm in West Hartford**

### **Second/Third Degrees**

**Sunday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>@1pm in Enfield**

**Please remember to advise the Ceremonial Chairman, Scott Flood, of all degree dates.**

## **State Deputy Message**

**Greetings My Brother Knights-Fall is upon us and I hope you and your families enjoy this cooler**

season. We finished the first quarter strong with membership however we are still behind in our quota. October is usually our best month. Schools are back in session, vacations are over and Councils are gearing up their programs. Please book your membership drives and first degrees. If you need any assistance, please email [membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org) or contact me.

Next May, at our State Convention, we'll be celebrating our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. More information will come in future newsletters and on the website.

Supreme has launched a new E-Membership site with Connecticut as a test site beginning October 16<sup>th</sup>. The State Officers are gathering all the tools and information from Supreme and will be distributing instructions with all the details. This process will not replace membership drives or first degrees or Council involvement in obtaining new members, but it will assist the Councils in reaching out to men who cannot make membership drives because of busy schedules.

Vivat Jesus.

Steven Bacon, State Deputy

## State Chaplain's Message

My Brother Knights, the focus of my message this month concerns the need we have to fix our attention on our calling as a fraternal community to care for the poor, the hungry, the forgotten and the endangered family life. Certainly, I have mentioned this many times and you have all read over and over again the themes and encouragements coming from Supreme. Nevertheless, in our society it is easy to fix our attention on other things.

At meetings of Assemblies and Councils we have listened to criticisms regarding changes in the Honor Guard uniforms. I understand the reasons why there is a bewilderment and even upset about the changes, Get ready, I am sure that even more changes in the way we Knights of Columbus do things are sure to come.

We must fix our attention on our calling. Our culture is changing and Supreme is trying to help us bravely confront a culture that has traded absolute truth for relativism.

In today's world there are "Catholics" who openly disagree with core Catholic teaching. We all know people who say they are catholic, but who don't come to Mass on Sunday. We all have heard about politicians who say they are "Catholics", but who publicly support laws that go directly against some of the most basic tenets of morality as taught by the Catholic Church.

Here in Connecticut, one out of every three live births is illegitimate. Teen suicides have more than tripled. Measures are being implemented that are further undermining the family. We face a crisis of values. I am bewildered and upset by all that is happening in Connecticut and in our entire culture.

My Dear Brothers, as Catholic men united in a fraternal community, let us focus our attention on how we have to get involved bearing witness, within an indifferent society, to traditional family values. Be informed. Read Columbia Magazine, participate in the Fraternal Leaders Training Seminars conducted over the internet. Educate yourselves, the Assemblies and Councils on ways to attract the young adult Catholic to join us and help us protect religious freedom, the unborn, the sanctity of marriage right here in Connecticut. That must be the focus of our attention.

God bless you all. You are all so important for the Church and for Society.

Vivat Jesus.

Msgr. J. Peter Cullen