



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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Two Month Calendar

| Date/Time | Event/Program | Place/Location |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Mar. 16, Friday 7:30AM | FACS Breakfast | Hartford Marriott |
| Mar. 25, Sunday 1PM | Stations of the Cross | St. Margaret's-Bridgeport |
| Mar. 25, Sunday 4PM | Venerable Fr. McGivney Award Dinner | Aqua Turf-Plantsville |
| Apr. 15, Sunday 1PM | State Council Bowling Tournament | Wolcott Lanes-Wolcott |
| Apr. 22, Sunday 1:30PM | Fourth Degree Exemplification | Plainville |

Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

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| May 4-6, Fri-Sun | Ct. State Convention (125 th Anniversary) | Marriott Stamford |
| May 20, Sunday 1PM | Living Rosary | Enders Island-Mystic |

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

Membership Director's Message

For new membership, our February Leaders are:

Members:

2-Scott W. Beiler #50
2-Anthony Osipiak #1090

Councils:

4-Newington #3884
3-Enfield #50
3-Greenwich #39

Also for new membership, our year to date recruiting leaders are:

Members:

17-Rev. Michael Ruminski #16858
10-Robert Falkevitz #4
8-Christopher Gonzalez #31
8-Frank Emanuele Jr #6
6-David Heiny #7054
5-Robert Goossens PSD #10705
5-Mark Sirois #36
5-David Kelty Jr #16347
5-Thomas Schmidt #23

Councils:

22-Newington #3884
19-New Haven #8882
18-West Hartford #16858
12-New Britain #31
11-Sandy Hook #185
10-East Hartford #4
10-Ledyard #7054
10-Willimantic #14
9-Trumbull #8013
9-New Haven #10705
9-Trumbull #2961
9-New Fairfield #12968

We have many First Degrees scheduled in March, especially at the K of C Museum and at St. Mary's in New Haven. Please see below.

Traditionally, March is Parish Membership Drive Month. Please send me the details of your next council membership drive. PLEASE.

We are celebrating our 125th Anniversary as a Stat Council and preparing for a great State Convention in May.

Also, we have special convention recruiting incentives for February through April:

Recruit: **Receive:**

Three new members Limited edition K of C CT anniversary T-shirt

Five new members Limited edition K of C CT anniversary golf shirt

In addition, for new members that have joined since January 2017, incentives for February through April:

Recruit: **Receive:**

Two new members Limited edition CT anniversary T-shirt & convention glass favor

Five new members Limited edition CT anniversary golf shirt & convention glass favor

Note: At the State Convention we will be doing special recognition for top recruiters for February through April and Fraternal Year leaders as well.

February was a slow month for new membership though we had eight Councils recruit a new member for the first time this fraternal year and twenty-six Brother Knights recruit a member for the first time as well.

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

Program Director's Message

The Family of the Month selected by Supreme for January was the Greg Morea family submitted by Council 7054 in Ledyard. Congratulations. This is one activity supports strengthening the Domestic Church in your parishes. Please encourage you Councils to participate. For more information, contact Paul Healey at 203-430-0051.

Reminder for Sunday, March 25th, the Annual Stations of the Cross will be presented at the St. Margaret Shrine in Bridgeport at 1PM. The McGivney Award Banquet will follow at the Aqua Turf, Southington at 5PM. Please refer to website for details.

March is a busy month for our Youth Activities. We will be conducting the 4 Regional Basketball Free Throw competitions. The State Finals are scheduled for April 8, 2018 at St. Paul H S, Bristol at Noon. Contact Jim Swisklas at 203-641-2509 for more information.

The Spelling Bee Regional competitions begin in March. There are 6 Regional Events and the State Finals are scheduled for April 21st in New Haven.

The District winners for the Substance Abuse Poster contest are due no later than March 31st to Steve Mieczkowski at 203-378-9521.

The applications for the State Council Service Program Awards are due by March 31st. Any questions should be directed to the Chairman listed on the State website.

Let's continue to promote the McGivney Guild and RSVP activities within your Councils. During the winter months, the Food for Families program is especially important for all those in need.

Continue to seek your Council-s support for these activities.

The vital Ultrasound Van needs your support to keep rolling as well as for new ultrasound projects

that truly save hundreds of babies in Connecticut. Remember to offer your prayers “for the Born and Unborn” in your closing Council meeting intentions. Refer to the Culture of Life webpage for further details or Contact Rich Feil at 917-846-2723.

We have begun receiving entries for our Annual Bowling Tournament. Don’t be left out. Participation is limited to the first twenty registered teams which will be on Sunday, April 15th. Details are on the website.

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 or contact Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-5050 or program.director@ctstatecouncil.org.

Ceremonials

First Degree Schedule:

Monday, March 12th@7PM in Gales Ferry
Monday, March 12th@7PM in K of C Museum in New Haven
Tuesday, March 13th@7:30PM in Monroe
Thursday, March 15th@7:30PM in Newington
Sunday, March 25th@7PM in Tolland
Monday, March 26th@7PM in New Haven (St. Mary’s)
Monday, March 26th@7PM in Enfield
Tuesday, March 27th@7PM in Fairfield
Wednesday, March 28th@7:30PM in Southbury/Woodbury
Thursday, March 29th@7:30PM in West Hartford

Second/Third Degrees

Sunday, April 15th@1PM in Manchester
Sunday, April 15th@1PM in Milford
Sunday, June 3rd@1PM in New Milford
Sunday, June 3rd@1PM in Willimantic (tentative)

Fourth Degree

Sunday, Apr. 22nd@1:30PM in Plainville, (Deadline is April 18th)

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

State Deputy’s Message

Brother Knights – I hope all are recovering from the recent storm. Please be safe everyone. All Councils should have received a letter from me providing the State of the State for Connecticut and the need to increase efforts on membership drives. We have four months to go. Lent is a perfect time to have these membership drives: Encouraging men during this religious time to be better men, better husbands and better fathers by being a Knight

and helping our churches and communities.

VIP-The McGivney dinner is fast approaching-March 25th at the Aqua Turf. This year's honoree is St. Catherine Academy in Fairfield for Special Need People. I have received several calls from Council Officers and members that this was a perfect choice for this year's award and that they are anxious to attend. Most of these Councils have supported this school in the past with Tootsie Roll Program Donations. So, please do not wait until the last minute. RSVP and send in the money ASAP. Thank you.

Don't forget your forms are now past due to Supreme for the Annual Survey of Fraternal Activities (1728) and Semi-annual Council Audit (1295).

The State Convention is scheduled for May 4th, 5th and 6th. Check the website for details. The Convention is being held at the Stamford Marriott and the Honoree is Supreme Knight Carl Anderson.

Vivat Jesus.

Steven J. Bacon, State Deputy
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State Advocate Message

The State Council will implement a liability insurance program for local Councils in 2018. Each Council needs to have its own liability insurance policy. Being listed as an "additional insured" or even "additional named insured" on the policy of a parish, home corporation or another Council does not provide the liability insurance that each Council needs. This new program will make it easier for local Councils to get the appropriate insurance coverage. Without coverage, even if a completely false claim is filed, a Council could face large legal expenses responding to the claim, which would have to be paid out of Council funds. Parishes usually require that Councils using their facilities show that they have insurance.

The insurance is provided through Lockton Affinity, LLC. Lockton specializes in insuring fraternal groups like the K of C. The Supreme Council has worked with them to develop this insurance program. Over a dozen State Councils have already established this kind of program, and more will do so in the coming years. Lockton already insures around 50 Councils in Connecticut. The cost will be approximately \$2.40 per active member since they do not charge for inactive, honorary or honorary life members. With Lockton, the insurance coverage provided is probably much better than what another company would provide, and the premium will likely be lower than what you are paying for inferior coverage.

Participation in this program is not mandatory. Over the next few months, Councils will receive an invoice with the cost and a due date in early September. Councils that submit their payment by the due date will be covered with an insurance policy starting October 1, 2018. Councils that do not send their payment on time will not be included in this program, and will have to make sure they have their own policy.

This will also be discussed at the convention. In the meantime, anyone who has questions can contact me at state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org. You can also get information on Lockton's website: www.CouncilinsuranceProgram.com or email them at Councilinsurance@LocktonAffinity.com

Matt McGrath
State Advocate

State Warden Message

The State Council is proud to announce a new workshop “Raising the Bar”, a workshop on working and helping our Councils and members with membership, programs, fraternal benefits and Council forms. A lot of great discussion with plenty of useful tools will be shared. Each workshop will run for 2 hours. Dates, times and locations are as follows:

Saturday, March 10th, 9AM–11AM, St. Agnes Church/School, 22 Haigh Ave., Niantic.

Wednesday, March 14th, 7PM-9PM, Council 2533, 2533 Main St., Glastonbury

Saturday, April 7th, 9AM-11AM, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel School, 785 Highland Ave., Waterbury.

Saturday, April 14th, 9AM-11AM, St. Mary/St. Joseph School, 35 Valley St., Willimantic

Fairfield TBD

Please contact me for RSVP or for any additional information. We look forward to working with you.

David Gianotti, State Warden
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State Chaplain’s Message

It is Lent, a sacred time God has given us for the renewing and purifying of our hearts. Several people proudly mentioned to me that since it is Lent they have gone on a diet. In our day and age there is confusion. Should we diet or should we fast. In our popular culture, Lent, fasting, almsgiving, the Cross of Christ, perhaps most of our Catholic traditions become a “stumbling block and foolishness”. In the news and advertisements, in movies and video games, on commercials and billboards, on YouTube and MySpace, we are constantly being bombarded with messages that contradict Christ’s message or at least dilute it.

Does fasting make any sense in our culture? Our culture mitigates, lessens the importance of fasting! You can spend your money on diet fads and be proud that you lost weight but that is not Christian fasting. Let me explain Christian Fasting. Through Fasting we keep our minds and hearts strong and full of Christ’s light and grace so that we can shine brightly in the darkness around us. My Brother Knights, none of you should ever go on a diet; all of you must fast.

Let's look at the example of Jesus Christ. Remember he went into the desert and prayed and fasted for forty days. Some modern commentaries on Scripture, inspired by a liberal humanism that rejects supernaturalism, explain that it is humanely impossible to fast for forty days. Jesus could not have fasted for so long; he would have died in the desert. But, Brother Knights, let's look at the scripture story about the Fasting of Christ through the eyes of faith.

Christ really and truly went into the desert and fasted and prayed. The point of the story is not that Christ fasted for forty days and forty nights. The point is that throughout a long period of fasting Christ engaged in personal struggle and combat against evil and against the devil. Christ suffered great hunger, yes! Doctors say that even his human body must have begun to consume itself. Christ was weakened physically, emotionally, and psychologically. In his hunger and exhausted state, the tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." Jesus, in the anguish of hunger, said in reply, "It is written: 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.'" Here is the key! When we fast, when we do without food, we to nourish ourselves with "every word that comes from the mouth of God. The days we fast are days to experience the Word of God and to study the Word of God. If someone just abstains from eating and does not read or pray about the Word of God or New Testaments, it is not Christian Fasting. It is merely a diet. One does not live by bread alone. Every word that comes forth from the mouth of God is nourishment. Throughout Lent, nourish yourselves with prayer and meditation on the word that comes forth from the mouth of God. If any of you are on a diet, no problem, turn your diet into Christian fasting.

**Vivat Jesus
Msgr. J. Peter Cullen
State Chaplain**