



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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Two Month Calendar

Date/Time	Event/Program	Place/Location
Nov. 24, Friday 9A-Noon	Coats for Kids Annual Program	Various Parts of CT
Dec. 2-3, Sat-Sun	Winter DD Seminar	Stamford-Marriott
Dec. 10, Sunday 10:30AM	Free Throw Finals	St. Mary's-Portland

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
Apr. 22, Sunday 1:30PM	Fourth Degree Exemplification	Plainville
May 4-6, Fri-Sun	Ct. State Convention (125 th Anniversary)	Marriott Stamford

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

Membership Director's Message

Membership is our life blood. Our Incentive for the current quarter is as follows:
Recruit 3 new members - \$25 gift card
Recruit 6 new members - \$50 gift card plus a K of C T-shirt
Recruit 10 new members - \$100 gift card plus K of C golf shirt
The Supreme Council initiated a new program called E-Membership as a pilot program to attract new members. Check out our website for more details.
Welcome to our newest Council #16858 at the University of Hartford.
Any questions, or need help? Please contact Membership Director Joe Rahtelli at email membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org.

Program Director's Message

The Family of the Month selected by Supreme for September was the Robert Hughes family submitted by Council 5 in Wallingford. 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.

The Silver Rose Program started Sunday November 5th at St. Matthias Church in East Lyme. The finale will be on December 12th at St. Mary Church, New Haven at the 5PM Mass. Please join us.

Every Council is eligible to participate in the Coats for Kids program. Coats can be purchased for \$220 (per dozen) including shipping. Orders can be placed through Knights Gear. Contact Paul Healey at 203-430-0051 if you have any questions or wish additional information.

January 21st, is Pro-Life Sunday in Connecticut. In addition to the Mass at St. Mary's at 10AM, we encourage everyone attending to start collecting 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 or contact Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-5050 or program.director@ctstatecouncil.org.

Ceremonials

First Degree Schedule:

Tuesday, Nov. 28th@7PM in Fairfield

Wednesday, Nov. 29th@ 7PM in Woodbury/Southbury

Thursday, Nov.30th @7:30PM in West Hartford

Second/Third Degrees

Sunday, Nov. 19th@1PM in Enfield

Saturday, Dec. 9th@1PM in Bethel

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 colorful season. October was our best month so far for recruiting new members. Let's make November and December even better.

On behalf of the State Officers and our Families we would like to wish you and your families a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus.

Steven J. Bacon, State Deputy

State Chaplain's Message

Brother Knights, November 2nd was All Souls Day. I thought it would be good to write about this very important doctrine of the Catholic Church and to encourage you to pray for the Souls in Purgatory. Society fills the stores with Halloween costumes, the television schedules days of horror movies, and of course there is plenty of candy and children dressed up in costumes having fun. Let's take a moment to think about the real importance of All Souls Day and praying for the dead.

We Knights of Columbus do remember our deceased members. Our Councils gather to visit and pray at the wake of a recently deceased brother knight: we attend their funeral Masses whenever possible. This activity is much more than just a custom. Our deceased brothers, all of our loved ones deceased, need our prayers. They may be suffering in purgatory; they need us to think of them and pray for them. What does the Church teach in regard to those who die?

Well, if one's relationship with God is free of all trace of sin, one enters heaven right away and is in union with God. If, however, someone dies in God's grace and friendship but still labors under the need of further purification because of person sin and the temporal punishment due to sin that has been forgiven, that person goes to Purgatory. They suffer in Purgatory to achieve holiness until they are ready for heaven. That is why the souls in Purgatory really need us to pray for them. Through our devout prayers we help them to receive the pardon they need, We must pray for them and trust in the goodness and the mercy of God.

My brother Knights, remember that the month of November is a traditional time for visiting graves of loved ones. Sometimes during November, visit a Cemetery. Pray for your loved ones and friends and associates. Hasten their way to heaven. Ask God to number them among all the Saints in Heaven.

Vivat Jesus.

Msgr. J. Peter Cullen