



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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Two Month Calendar

Date/Time	Event/Program	Place/Location
Aug. 7-9, Tue-Thu	Supreme Convention	Baltimore
Aug. 11, Saturday 5PM	Mass Celebrated by the Archbishop	Waterbury
Aug. 19, Sunday 1PM	Follow the Footsteps of Fr. McGivney	Terryville

Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Sept. 9, Sunday	Blue Mass	Danbury
Oct., 7, Sunday 1:30PM	Living Rosary	Lourdes of Litchfield

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

Membership Director's Message

Scheduled degrees are below and on the CT State Council website:
<http://www.ctstatecouncil.org/>.

First Degrees:

Wednesday, July 18th @ 6:30PM in Waterbury
Thursday, July 19th @ 7:00PM in Newington
Sunday, July 22nd @ 6:30PM in Tolland
Tuesday, July 24th @ 6:30PM in Fairfield
Thursday, July 26th @ 7:00PM in West Hartford
Sunday, Aug., 5th @ 6:00PM in Suffield
Monday, Aug., 6th @ 7:00PM in Bristol
Tuesday, Aug., 7th @ 7:00PM in Glastonbury
Monday, Aug., 13th @ 6:30PM in New Haven
Monday, Aug., 13th @ 6:45PM in Gales Ferry
Thursday, Aug., 16th @ 6:30PM in Cheshire
Thursday, Aug., 16th @ 7:00PM in Newington
Sunday, Aug., 19th @ 9:30AM in Putnam
Sunday, Aug., 26th @ 6:30PM in Rockville

Incentives effective July 1, 2018 are as follows- Please share with your Councils. Our State Quota for new members in the first quarter is 250. Provided that the State hits its quota, then the following incentives will kick in:

- **For each new member a Council brings in during July, August and September, that Council will be entered into a raffle with a chance to win one of three \$125 prizes. Councils are only eligible to win one prize.**
- **For each new member in a District, the District Deputy will be eligible to win one raffle prize of \$125, provided the District attains 20% of its annual District intake goal.**

Again, these raffles are based on the State hitting their goal for the first quarter of 250 new members. We have achieved this goal in the past. We just need some more work with membership drives and first degrees. The State Council expects the local Councils to work during July and August.

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

Program Director's Message

As we begin the new fraternal year, we need to reaffirm our commitment in Building the Domestic Church through our new *Faith in Action* model. Faith in Action replaces the former Surge with Service. Many new and exciting activities have been added. The following link, <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html>, is available for insight into the new program.

There were two families selected for the Family of the Month by Supreme for May, the William Russ family submitted by Council 6190 in East Hampton, and the Thomas Harvey family submitted by Council 7054 in Ledyard. This is an activity that supports strengthening the Domestic Church in your parishes. Please encourage your councils to participate. For more information, contact Paul Healey at 203-430-0051.

Let's continue to promote the McGivney Guild and RSVP activities within your Councils. Even though winter months are behind us, the Food for Families program is especially important for all those in need. Seek your Council's support for these and all our activities.

Save the date – August 19, 2018 – Follow in the Footsteps of Father McGivney Day includes a Mass, live play and dinner. Refer to the website for tickets and details.

The Soccer Challenge. Information is available on the Supreme website. Council competitions need to be completed by September 28th, District competition by October 12th, with Regional and State finals to follow. Please refer to State and Supreme websites for more information.

Save the date – 40 Days for Life – Sept. 26st thru Nov. 4th. It's a great opportunity for Knights to openly participate in a peaceful prayer vigil in support of our important Pro Life mission.

The 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 Unborn

and Born” in closing your Council meeting intentions. Refer to the Culture of Life webpage for further details or contact Rich Feil at 917-846-2723.

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

Second/Third Degrees

Sunday, Sept., 23@12:30PM in Willimantic

Fourth Degree

Sunday, Oct. 21st@1:30PM in Willimantic

State Deputy Message

My Brother Knights – as we move full steam ahead into this new fraternal year, we look back on the prior year. There were a lot of changes and we all embraced the changes. We have a great staff I am looking forward to this new fraternal year.

Reminder – NO Councils should take the months of July and August off. If you have any issues or concerns with this policy, please call me directly to discuss – 203-751-1384.

Welcome to all the new District Deputies for this fraternal year. We have a lot of work ahead of us, so we need rubber to the road to get going immediately. I also want to thank all the outgoing District Deputies for their service. Please remain active in your Councils, and to assist the new DD when needed.

Please review the CT Website periodically for changes, degree schedules and upcoming state events. Also, please visit the Supreme website, kofc.org, for several training videos and webinars that can assist in increasing membership and programs.

I look forward to a great fraternal year.

Vivat Jesus.

Steven J. Bacon, State Deputy

203-751-1384

State Warden Message

The following is our current schedule for our Officers' Training Seminars:

Saturday, July 21st, 9AM-11AM, Fr. Hussion Council, Old Saybrook

Monday, Aug., 13th, 7PM-9 PM, Fr. Gaffney Council, New Britain

Tuesday, Aug., 21st, 7PM-9PM, St. Matthew Council, Norwalk, to be held at St. Philip Mansion, 25 France St., Norwalk

We are looking forward to another successful year and working with you and your Councils. All Council officers and brothers looking to become future officers are most welcome to attend. Dress is casual. Please contact state Warden Dave Gianotti at 203-676-1183 or at State.warden@ctstatecouncil.org to reserve your spot or get more information.

David M. Gianotti
State Warden

“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.