



# 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., 21, Sunday 1:30PM	Fourth Degree Exemplification	Willimantic
Oct., 27, Saturday 5PM	Star Council Awards	K of C Museum
Oct., 28, Sunday 10:30AM	Silver Rose Transfer from R.I.	St. Mary's, Coventry
Dec., 1- 2,	DD Seminar and Christmas Party	Stamford Marriott

## Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Jan. 20, Sunday 10:30AM	Prolife Mass	St. Mary's New Haven
Mar. 24, Sunday 5PM	Father McGivney Award Dinner	Acquaturf - Plantsville

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

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## Membership Director's Message

Our state membership incentives for the months of October through December Provided the State achieves their goal of 250 new members during the period of 10/1/18 through 12/31/18, the top 5 Council's with the highest percentage of Council intake vs Council quota will be entered into a \$1,000 raffle. The winner of the raffle will be drawn on January 15, 2019.

District First Degree - This new program is mandatory. Each District will need to schedule and run a District First Degree between November 1 to November 11. The District Deputy will need to schedule this before October 15th and send the date, time and place to [Program.director@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:Program.director@ctstatecouncil.org) and [Membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:Membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org) before October 15th. You will need to arrange a degree team or use one from the district. This District First Degree will be in honor of our Bishops in CT. A letter to the Bishops will be written by Msgr. Cullen and State Deputy Steve Bacon will send to each Bishop with a list of these degrees, the week of October 15th. The Letter, which the District Deputy will receive a copy, will show our continued support of the Bishops and priests. We will send each of them a

Certificate honoring their service to the Church, Community. It is acceptable if you wish to work with neighboring Districts to hold a combined degree - and the DDs for those district must be in attendance. You will spread this information to your councils so they can bring new members. This list will also be posted on the CT website. Make sure all proper degree forms are filed with Supreme and a copy must come to my attention so I can share the results with Supreme.

<http://www.ctstatecouncil.org/>.

Top Recruiting Councils, July-September

15 – 2978, Cheshire  
9 – 10705, New Haven  
6 – 5779, South Windsor  
6 – 185, Sandy Hook  
5 – 14, Willimantic  
5 – 5987, Monroe  
5 – 39, Greenwich  
5 – 14546, Milford

Top Recruiting Knights, July-September

9 - James Fletcher, #2978  
5 - David St Hilaire, #10705  
4 - Israel Alvarez Jr, #14  
3 - Emmett Mcsweeney, #24  
3 - Gaetano Mascolo, #185  
3 - Patrick Eisenman, #14546  
3 - Philip Gordon, #1155  
3 - Robert Goossens, #10705  
3 - Richard Primeau, #1

**First Degrees:**

Tuesday, October 9 @ 7:15 PM in Monroe  
Thursday, October 11 @ 7:00 PM in Colchester  
Monday, October 15 @ 6:30 PM in New Haven  
Tuesday, October 23 @ 6:30 PM in Fairfield  
Sunday, October 28 @ 6:30 PM in Rockville  
Monday, October 29 @ 6:30 PM in Enfield  
Tuesday, October 30 @ 7:00 PM in Seymour  
Sunday, November 4 @ 6:00 PM in Suffield  
Monday, November 5 @ 7:00 PM in Bristol  
Tuesday, November 6 @ 7:00 PM in Glastonbury  
Thursday, November 8 @ 7:00 PM in Colchester  
Sunday, November 11 @ 10:15 AM in Putnam  
Monday, November 12 @ 6:45 PM in Gales Ferry  
Tuesday, November 13 @ 7:15 PM in Monroe  
Monday, November 19 @ 6:30 PM in New Haven  
Monday, November 26 @ 6:30 PM in Enfield

Tuesday, November 27 @ 6:30 PM in Fairfield  
Tuesday, November 27 @ 7:00 PM in Middlebury  
Thursday, November 29 @ 7:00 PM in West Hartford

**You can reach the Membership Director Joe Rahtelli at email [membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org).**

## **Program Director's Message**

As we continue on in 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 program model, Surge with Service. Many new and exciting activities have been added by Supreme 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 <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html>. This site will be continually updated, so councils will have the latest information available to them.

There is a new **State Program Incentive Plan** for all Councils. Of the programs highlighted this month, the **McGivney Guild, Family of the Month, Soccer Challenge** and **Vocation Poster Contest** are a few of the activities quantified in the Incentive Plan. The details are available on the State website on the Program page, upper right side, click on "Form".

Let's continue to promote the **McGivney Guild** and **RSVP** activities within your Councils. With the winter months ahead of us, the **Food for Families** program is especially important for all those in need. Let's continue to seek your Council's support for these and all our activities throughout the year.

**Family of the Month.** The family selected by Supreme for August was the Richard Nelson 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.

**Soccer Challenge.** District competitions should be completed by October 12<sup>th</sup> as the Regionals will be conducted the remaining weekends in October. State finals will be in early November. The exact dates will be published as sites are confirmed. Additional information is available on our State website, "Programs", "Youth", "Soccer Challenge".

**Vocation Poster Contest.** This activity continues through October. Councils in parishes with Schools or Religious Education programs will find this as excellent opportunity to work with them in a youth activity. All rules and details are available on our State website, "Programs", "Youth", "Vocation Poster Contest".

**Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest.** It is not too early to order your kits from Supreme. For details, refer to the State website, "Programs", "Youth", "Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest".

**Living Rosary.** October 7<sup>th</sup> is the date for this activity at Lourdes of Litchfield. Details and directions are available on our State website. Come join us for this meaningful and worthwhile

experience as we pray this year in conjunction with the Rosary Coast to Coast Program.

**40 Days for Life - Sept 26 thru Nov 4th.** Register your council for one of the 40 Days for Life venues in your Diocese. It's a great opportunity for Knights to openly participate in a peaceful prayer vigil in support of our important Pro Life mission. At the same time, consider planning the new Novena for Life at your parishes and councils during October, the month of PRO-LIFE. Reminder to pray for the "BORN and UNBORN" in your intentions at the close of every meeting.

**Tootsie Roll Campaign.** This is an easy program that can help your Council give back to the community of People with Intellectual Disabilities. Simply pass out tootsie rolls to customers and accept donations. You can conduct the drive at your Church, a sporting event or anywhere your creativity will bring you to the public. Not only is this an excellent event for your members to involve their families, their children and wives often yield the best results! Contact Ellis Canal at 860-875-2276 for more details.

**Silver Rose Pro-Life Devotion.** The Silver Rose arrives from RI on October 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary, Coventry and ends December 12<sup>th</sup> in New Haven on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Pro-Life. DD 15 Mike Lauzon, Co-Chairman will contact the DDs for Western CT and State Life Activities Director Richard Feil will contact the DDs in the Eastern and Northern districts. The routing and a tentative schedule has been posted on the state website.

**Marian Icon Program.** Our new Marian Icons "Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians" will begin their journey throughout out state in October. Each District will have an Icon available to them for two months, ample time for each Council in the District to have it for a least a week in their parishes. Contact Joe Murphy at 860-536-1431 for more details

**Youth Activities.** This year we have awarded and presented four International Championship Trophies: 3 for Basketball Free Throw Competition and 1 Soccer Challenge. What an amazing year for the State Youth Activities! Let's keep it going for this fraternal year.

**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 or contact Rich Feil at 917-846-2723.

Remember, **We Cannot Just Dangle Our Activities 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/](http://www.ctstatecouncil.org/) or contact the Program Director: Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-7050 or [program.director@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:program.director@ctstatecouncil.org)

## Ceremonials

**Second/Third Degrees**  
**None**

**Fourth Degree**  
Sunday, Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>@1:30PM in Willimantic

## **State Deputy Message**

**My Brother Knights -  
Membership, Membership, Membership - our quota for this quarter is 250 new Knights to CT. The following are incentives available to all councils: *Provided the State achieves their goal of 250 new members during the period of 10/1/18 through 12/31/18, the top 5 Council's with the highest percentage of Council intake vs Council quota will be entered into a \$1,000.00 raffle. The winner of the raffle will be drawn on January 15, 2019.***

**I will be attending a State Deputy semi-annual meeting with Supreme in November. I should have new and interesting information for all when I return.**

**Once again please check the CT Website - [www.ctstatecouncil.org](http://www.ctstatecouncil.org) for updated information and news.**

**Thank you for everything you do for the Order.**

**Vivat Jesus!**

***Steven J. Bacon***  
***CT State Deputy***  
***203-751-1384***

## **State Chaplain Message**

**Worthy Brother Grand Knights and Councils,**

**The purpose of this notice is to encourage you to renew the purpose of your Council during this Fraternal Year. In other words, think about not just managing your Council repeating programs and activities successfully done over many years by previous Grand Knights. The history of your Council programs and activities are certainly marked with success and the grace of God. Great, dedicated Knights of Columbus are our proud heritage.**

**Now, spiritual battles and divisions within the Church mark this Fraternal Year 2018-2019. We are called to change, to grow, to prepare to meet the world. Our Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson and our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori are challenging us to embrace the program, *Faith in Action*. Instead of just managing a Council we are now expected to inject spirituality into our council meetings and programs. Let us deepen our practice of piety and Catholic action using the *Faith in***

**Action** program to strengthen our Unity, Fraternity, and Charity and live our Catholic faith boldly in our secular and hedonistic society.

Worthy Brother Knights, our pastors and council chaplains are a vital part of *Faith in Action*. Strengthen your fraternal relationship with your pastor and your chaplain. Let them know that we support all our good priests and bishops in all they do. They count on us and we will never let them down. With them we will bear witness to all our values especially the family and family life so much in jeopardy. We will build up our parish life and the Catholic lives of all the men and women in our parishes and grow our councils. All the information needed is in the Guidebook for *Faith in Action* and is readily available. Please familiarize yourselves using the Supreme Website ([www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org)) as well as the State Council Website ([www.ctstatwcouncil.org](http://www.ctstatwcouncil.org)).  
Vivat Jesus.

Msgr. J. Peter Cullen  
Connecticut State Chaplain

### **“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](mailto:bertsche@sbcglobal.net), Knights Mentor Pete Balestracci at [plabal386@gmail.com](mailto:plabal386@gmail.com), or Lou Tedeschi at [lctedeschi@comcast.net](mailto:lctedeschi@comcast.net) or 860-464-2453.