



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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Two Month Calendar

Date/Time	Event/Program	Place/Location
Nov. 23, Friday 9AM-Noon	Coats for Kids	Throughout the State
Dec. 1- 2	DD Seminar and Christmas Party	Stamford Marriott

Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Jan. 20, Sunday 10:00AM	Prolife Mass	St. Mary's – New Haven
Mar. 24, Sunday 5:00PM	Father McGivney Award Dinner	Aqua turf – Plantsville

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

Membership Director's Message

First Degree:

Thursday, November 8 @ 7:00 PM in Colchester
Sunday, November 11 @ 10:15 AM in Putnam
Monday, November 12 @ 6:30 PM in Bridgeport
Monday, November 12 @ 6:45 PM in Gales Ferry
Tuesday, November 13 @ 7:30 PM in Stamford
Wednesday, November 14 @ 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
Sunday, December 2 @ 6:00 PM in Suffield
Sunday, December 2 @ 6:30 PM in Tolland
Monday, December 3 @ 7:00 PM in Bristol
Tuesday, December 4 @ 7:00 PM in Glastonbury
Monday, December 10 @ 6:30 PM in New Haven
Monday, December 10 @ 6:45 PM in Gales Ferry
Tuesday, December 11 @ 7:15 PM in Monroe
Thursday, December 13 @ 7:00 PM in Colchester
Monday, December 17 @ 6:30 PM in Enfield
Thursday, December 27 @ 7:00 PM in West Hartford

Second/Third Degrees:

Sunday, January 27, 2019 @ 12:00 PM in Wallingford

Fourth Degree:

Sunday, May 5, 2019 in Hamden

You can reach the Membership Director Joe Rahtelli at email 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, Silver Rose Devotion** and **Marian Icon Program** 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 September was the Michael Stewart family, submitted by Council 3181, Windsor and the Michael Voisine family, submitted by Council 6281, Suffield. **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. State finals will be November 10th at Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, Wallingford. Registration will be at 11:30 am and competition will start at 12 noon. This is one of our premier Youth events so come on down and join us. Questions, contact our Youth Director, Chris Gonzalez.

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".

Tootsie Roll Campaign. This is a program developed to 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, as your 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 arrived from RI on October 28th at St. Mary's Church in Coventry and ends December 12th in Hamden on the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of Pro-Life. The routing and schedule are posted on the state website. If you have any questions, please contact our Life Director, Richard Feil.

Marian Icon Program. Our new Marian Icons "Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians" will begin their journey throughout out state this month. 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.

"Keep Christ in Christmas" by "Keeping Christians in the Holy Land". Since 2014, the Knights' Christian Refugee Relief Fund has donated more than \$13 million for humanitarian assistance. Why not share your Council Christmas gift giving with the Holy Land by making a donation to bring a smile and the peace of the infant Christ child to a suffering refugee family. Simply click DONATE on any one of a variety of opportunities from the Charities - Christian Relief webpage of kofc.org. Jerusalem prayer cards, posters, and brochures are also available through online ordering for fund raising. Contact DD Hicham Bourjaili - State Chairman of Christian Refuge Relief, for ways to help the needy refugees.

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.

Remember, **We Cannot Just Dangle Our Perograms 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/ or contact the Program Director: Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-7050 or program.director@ctstatecouncil.org

State Deputy Message

My Brother Knights -

I returned from annual State Deputy conference with Supreme and it was very enlightening. Grand Knights and Council Chaplains should receive a limited copy of the Faith in Action booklet. Your District Deputies should have discussed this program with you. This replaces the requirements under the Star Award for programs. Please read it, review it with your Membership Director and your Program Director and then discuss at your council meeting. The first couple pages describes the requirements of achieving any Supreme awards this fraternal year. If you have any questions please reach out to our Program Director or any State Officer.

If you have not completed your forms #185 or #365, you are past the deadline and they need to be completed immediate and forwarded to Supreme with a copy sent to me at state.deputy@ctstatecouncil.org.

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. Membership intake for this year has been very low. Please reach out to your District Deputy or State Officers with any questions. If you need assistance with a membership drive – please contact the membership director. Also, make sure you use the General Insurance Agents as a source to assist in new membership, membership drives and church drives.

On behalf of my fellow State Officers, State Staff and families I want to wish each council and their members a blessed Thanksgiving.

Vivat Jesus!

Steven J. Bacon, CT State Deputy

State Chaplain Message

My Brother Knights, the focus of my message this month gets its inspiration from the message and challenge of our Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori published in the November issue of Knightline.

Our Supreme Chaplain writes, “As Advent quickly approaches, the Church invites us to prepare our hearts and souls accordingly. We frantically prepare for Christmas, buying gifts and decorating our homes. But will we prepare our soul with the same sense of urgency, purpose, and care?”

Halloween has removed the saints from our minds and replaced them with horror movies and superstition. Santa has replaced Jesus with commercial shopping and the Grinch occupies the television. Media resources are showering glory on athletes, celebrities, and the winning candidates of the recent elections. Worldly praise and honor doesn't resemble the divine attribute of glory. God chooses to share a reflection of divine glory with a different cast of characters: God chooses us and our Catholic families. Our Chaplain challenges us not only to prepare our individual souls but also prepare our families – wives, children, uncles, aunts, everyone to the Graces of the Season. This is a difficult challenge. Think of it: family prayer, Sunday worship together, Sacramental Confession for the family, food for needy families, coats for kids, our families fully alive. Faith in Action is not easy. The challenges are so hard that they require grace and prayer and God's guidance and intervention. God's abundant strength empowers us; He will give us all we need to love others and to witness our Catholic lives publicly, sharing a reflection of divine glory in the world. 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, Knights Mentor Pete Balestracci at plabal386@gmail.com, or Lou Tedeschi at lctedeschi@comcast.net or 860-464-2453.