



# CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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## Two Month Calendar

<b>Date/Time</b>	<b>Event/Program</b>	<b>Place/Location</b>
Mar. 31, Sunday 5PM	Father McGivney Award Dinner	Aqua turf - Plantsville
Apr. 7, Sunday 1PM	State Bowling Tournament	Wolcott Lanes-Wolcott
Apr. 14, Sunday 2PM	Stations of the Cross	St. Margaret's Bridgeport
Apr. 25-28, Thu-Sun	State Convention	Hartford Marriott

## Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

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

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## State Chaplain's Message

Brother Knights,

Thinking about this Chaplain's Corner message there are two important missions that come to mind. There is the Season of Lent, which begins this Wednesday, March 6th, and of course there is the State Convention, April 25 – 28 now in preparation. I encourage you all to take Lent seriously. Lent is a 40-day season of fasting, special prayer and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. Here is a reminder:

Days of Abstinence: No meat can be eaten on Ash Wednesday and all of the Fridays during Lent. This applies to all Catholics 14 and older.

Days of Fast: Only one full meal is permitted on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday for Catholics between 18 and 59. Two smaller meals are permitted, but the small meals should not equal a second full meal. Drinking coffee, tea and water between meals is allowed. Snacks between meals are not allowed.

As we all prepare for the State Convention, pray over how we can increase membership especially reaching out to young adults. We Knights of Columbus can and must provide young Catholic men with support, wisdom and fraternity to be strengthened as men, husbands and fathers in Christ. Think about personally reaching out with genuine

concern, affection, and welcome. Assure them that we can accompany them and help them live a Catholic life in the midst of this very confusing time. Mention to them how we are very focused on Family Life.

During Lent you can make Lenten memories in your families. Pray together, even if it is just an Our Father or Hail Mary, it unites the family. Let each family member mention one person or problem they would like to pray for at dinnertime. Take the kids grocery shopping for the poor. They can bring the food to the parish food bank. Let children light a candle in church for people throughout the world who are sick or hungry.

Vivat Jesus, Msgr. J. Peter Cullen

## **Membership Director's Message**

### **Special Membership Seminar – March 23, FOR ALL COUNCILS**

Supreme and the State Council are having a very special Membership Seminar open to all councils on Sat., Mar. 23rd at the Knights of Columbus Museum. Registration 9:30am, seminar from 10am – 11:30am.

If your council had doubts about achieving its membership goal, this seminar is for you!

The seminar will include:

- Introduction to a new easy, streamlined Church Membership Drive
- Discussion about Online Membership and
- Demonstration about the new Council Prospect Landing Page.

The State Officers and State Membership Team will be in attendance to assist councils with any implementation plans. Grand Knights and Membership Director are requested to attend. All council officers are welcome.

NOTE: Please reserve your spot with the Gary Hodgdon our Executive Secretary via email [executive.secretary@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:executive.secretary@ctstatecouncil.org) before March 21, 2019. Walk-ins are welcomed.

### **Great First Quarter Recruiting Incentive – LAST MONTH**

It's simple, in January through March, bring in new members (intake) that total 25% or more of your council's fraternal year membership goal and get entered into a raffle with the chance to win 1 of 10 **\$100 gift cards**.

As always, there are three ways to recruit new member:

1. Take a candidate to any of many First Degrees in the state this month listed on [www.ctstatecouncil.org/events.html](http://www.ctstatecouncil.org/events.html).
2. Have a candidate watch the First Degree on a DVD. DVDs are available through supply.
3. Have a candidate become a member online through [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join). Make sure that during signup they specify your council number so it is known what council they

want to join. Then have them attend/watch their First Degree and he will count toward your goal.

**First Degree:**

Monday, March 11 @ 6:30 PM in New Haven  
Tuesday, March 12 @ 7:15 PM in Monroe  
Thursday, March 14 @ 7:00 PM in Colchester  
Sunday, March 17 @ 9:30 AM in Putnam  
Monday, March 25 @ 6:30 PM in Enfield  
Tuesday, March 26 @ 6:30 PM in Fairfield  
Tuesday, March 26 @ 7:00 PM in Brookfield  
Sunday, March 31 @ 6:30 PM in Rockville  
Monday, April 1 @ 7:00 PM in Bristol  
Tuesday, April 2 @ 7:00 PM in Glastonbury  
Sunday, April 7 @ 6:00 PM in Suffield  
Monday, April 8 @ 6:30 PM in New Haven  
Monday, April 8 @ 6:45 PM in Gales Ferry  
Tuesday, April 9 @ 7:15 PM in Monroe  
Thursday, April 11 @ 7:00 PM in Colchester  
Tuesday, April 23 @ 6:30 PM in Fairfield  
Thursday, April 25 @ 7:00 PM in West Hartford  
Sunday, April 28 @ 6:30 PM in Tolland  
Monday, April 29 @ 6:30 PM in Enfield  
Tuesday, April 30 @ 7:00 PM in Middlebury

**Second/Third Degrees:**

Sunday, March 3, 2019 @ 12:00 PM in Monroe  
Sunday, March 10, 2019 @ 12:00 PM in East Haven  
Sunday, April 7, 2019 @ 12:00 PM in Waterbury

**Fourth Degree:**

Sunday, May 5, 2019 in Hamden

Let's congratulate these councils and Brother Knights that are "Growing the Order":

**Fraternal YTD:**

19 - Cheshire #2978  
15 - New Haven #10705  
14 - Sandy Hook #185  
11 - Enfield #50  
10 - Newington #3884  
10 - Greenwich #39  
9 - South Windsor #5779  
8 - Weston #17166  
8 - Somersville #4303  
8 - Stamford #41  
8 - Putnam #64  
8 - Wilton #12698

10 - James C Fletcher, #2978  
10 - Gaetano J Mascolo, #185  
6 - Michael J Purdy, #12698

- 5 - David L St Hilaire, #10705
- 5 - Apolonio Paul Isla, #41
- 5 - Christopher J Martin, #3594
- 4 - Israel Alvarez Jr, #14
- 4 - Richard Primeau, #1
- 4 - Robert A Goossens, #10705
- 4 - Anthony R Sena, #3884

February:

- 7 - Weston #17166
- 4 - Enfield #50
- 3 - Somersville #4303
- 3 - South Windsor #5779
- 3 - New Haven # 10705
  
- 3 - J Ronald Rinaldi, #50
- 2 - Robert K Lemieux, #4303
- 2 - Pablo I Enriquez Jaramillo, #10705

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

## **Program Director's Message**

**Service Program Personnel Report Form 365.** There are Councils who have not submitted this form to Supreme. It is necessary for the Councils to identify their Program, Community and Family Directors. These positions require Safe Environment Training and background check authorizations. Failure to do so will disqualify the Council from Columbian Award aspirations.

**State Council Service Programs Awards.** Councils must submit the new Form #STSP which can be found on the Supreme website. All entries must be sent to Ted Pacanowski, State Program Director, 74 Jog Hill Road, Trumbull, CT 06611 and received by March 31, 2019. All State Winners will qualify for entry into International Competition.

**Food for Families.** As we look forward to the springtime weather, this program is especially important for all those dealing with hardships. Your Council might consider conducting food drives to support the local organizations who distribute food to those in need.

**Family of the Month.** The Family of The Month selected by Supreme for January was the Robert Murphy family submitted by Council 10705, New Haven. 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.

**Basketball Free Throw.** Regionals Competitions are as follows:

**North West**, University of Hartford, Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11am;  
**South West**, Southington Catholic School, Southington, Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, 11am;  
**North East**, St Christopher School, East Hartford, Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 11am;  
**South East**, St John School, Old Saybrook, Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11am;  
**State Finals**, St Paul High School in Bristol, Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 12pm.  
Continue to refer to the State website for the site details and up to date information.

**Catholic Essay Contest.** This program is open for students in grades 8 through 12. All entries must be submitted prior to the **March 31st** deadline. (Questions, contact Jim Ciaglo at 860-537-5369).

**Substance Abuse Poster Contest.** This program has two categories and is open to children ages 8 through 14. District winners must be submitted prior to the **March 10th** deadline. (Questions, contact Steve Mieczkowski at 203-378-9521).

**Novena For Life.** Consider sponsoring the Novena from March 18th to March 26th, with an event on March 19, feast day of St. Joseph, Patron of Fathers. Review the recommended toolkit from the USCCB program, 9 DAYS FOR LIFE. Contact State Chairman Steve Ellis for readily available resources.

**Father McGivney Award Banquet.** The Annual Father McGivney Award Banquet will be held this year on **March 31st** at the Aqua Turf, Plantsville. The information flyer and registration form can be found on the State website. Come join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fraternity.

**Annual Bowling Tournament.** Our Annual Bowling Tournament will be held on **April 7th** at the Wolcott Lanes in Wolcott. This is a family fun event. Assemble your family team, your Council team or District team and join us. All details are available on the State website.

**Christian Refugee Relief Fund.** Since 2014, the K of C CHRISTIAN REFUGEE RELIEF FUND has donated more than \$13 million for humanitarian assistance. Consider asking your pastor for approval to sell the Jerusalem crosses at special Lenten event or weekend services or other means to raise funds for this program during the Lenten season. Contact DD Hicham Bourjaili - State Chairman of Christian Refugee Relief, for support opportunities and a copy of a PowerPoint presentation.

**Marian Icon Program.** Our three new Marian Icons “*Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians*” continue their journey throughout out state. Each District will have an Icon available to them for two months. Each Council in the District will have an Icon for at **least a week**, ample time to schedules service in their Parishes. Contact Joe Murphy at 860-536-1431 for more details.

**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.

*All information for these programs are available on our State Council website.*

**REMINDERS...**If you have not done so already, please file these **Forms** due January 31, 2019 with the Supreme Office:

**Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity – Form #1728**

**Partnership with Special Olympic Profile – Form #4584**

**Basketball Free Throw Championship - Form FT-1**

**Substance Abuse Awareness Contest Participation - Form 4001**

**Columbian Award Application Form SP-7.** Councils must earn at least 16 credits, four from each of the categories: **Faith, Family, Community** and **Life**. There are four required programs: *Spiritual Reflection Program (Faith)*, *Consecration to the Holy Family (Family)*, *Helping Hands (Community)* and *Novena for Life (Life)* a Council will need to complete to qualify. All the necessary forms can be found on the Supreme website. The deadline for submitting the application to Supreme is **June 30, 2019**.

Let us continue our commitment in Building the Domestic Church through our new **Faith in Action** model. 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 and provides the new forms for reporting your Faith in Action activities. <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html>.

Remember, **We Cannot Just Dangle Our Programs 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).

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## **State Deputy Message**

I hope this letter find you, your family and council members doing well and patiently waiting for the Lenten season and spring to arrive.

The State and Supreme Council will be hosting a membership drive seminar on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at the Knights of Columbus museum. Please refer to the letters sent to the Grand Knights and visit the State Website for more information.

Our membership incentives for the months of January 1, 2019 to March 30, 2019 remains as follows: if your council increases new members equal to 25% of your council's quota during this period alone, your council will be entered into a raffle which will be held during the business meeting at the State Convention in April 2019. Your council will have a chance to win one of ten, \$100.00 prizes.

### **Upcoming Events:**

**McGivney Award Dinner:** is schedule for March 31, 2019 at the Aqua Turf, this year's

honoree is Father James Sullivan who is an avid supporter for the Sainthood of Father McGivney and in 2018 organized a Mass on Holy Land in Waterbury, and the clean-up, repairs of this venue. Please speak to your District Deputy or State Officer assigned to your council, or you can go to the State website for additional information. The deadline for tickets and reservations is March 10, 2019.

**Stations of the Cross:** is schedule for St. Margaret's Shrine in Bridgeport on Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 2pm, which will be celebrated by Bishop Frank Caggiano.

**Bowling Tournament:** Sunday, April 7, 2019 – Wolcott Lanes – 955 Wolcott Road, Wolcott, CT, registration is at 1:30pm, Bowling starts at 2pm. The cost is \$68.00 per 4 person team. Please make your reservations to: [mr\\_goldbe@rontier.com](mailto:mr_goldbe@rontier.com) the deadline for reservations is March 29, 2019. Come join your brother Knights, State Officers and families for a fun filled afternoon of bowling, raffle and just plain old fun. See flyer on the State website under Programs, Family, Bowling.

**State Convention:** This year's State Convention will be held on April 26th, 27th and 28th at the Hartford Marriott – 200 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford. All information can be found on the State Website.

Thank you and have a safe March!!

Steven Bacon  
State Deputy

## State Secretary Message

Holy Apostles Seminary Council # 15991 has endeavored to improve the seminary campus over the past couple of years. Before now, the campus flagpole was in a location that was difficult for members of the seminary community or visitors to appreciate. Recognizing the Knights' tradition of patriotism, Council 15991 coordinated fundraising efforts to move the current flagpole. The Council desired to see the flag of the Holy See flown on campus but realized that flying both that and the flag of the United States on the same flagpole was contrary to the United States Flag Code (cf. 4 USC § 7(g)). As a result, the Council also endeavored to raise funds to get a matching flagpole so that both flags could be proudly and appropriately flown. On November 5th, Council 15991 invited donors to come to campus while the immediate Past Grand Knight, Fr. Bill Fox (Chaplain of St. Therese Little Flower Council # 14750), returned to bless the flagpoles and thank the donors for their efforts.

In addition to Council # 15991, the Seminary thanks the following donors: DeSoto Council # 6, Cromwell; Sheriden Council # 24, Waterbury; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Council # 36, Waterbury; Msgr. Collins Council # 5066, Southbury; Santa Maria Council # 14561, Milford; Bp. McFarland Assembly # 98, Portland; Bp. O'Reilly Assembly # 101, Waterbury; Fr. Donnelly Assembly # 566, Kansas City, MO; Catholic War Veterans, Department of Connecticut, and

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Msgr. Albert Kuuire.

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The Knights of Columbus Supreme Convention will be held from August 6-8, 2019 in Minneapolis Minnesota. Any District Deputy or State Staff member interested in representing the State Council as a Delegate at the Convention please notify the State Deputy in writing. The State Council is looking for both Insurance and Associate Members.

### **Credential Cards**

The Financial Secretaries from each Council have been mailed the credential cards for this year's State Convention. There were 3 cards mailed, 1 for each elected delegate and 1 to be sent into the State Secretary. At your first business meeting please elect your delegates and have the Financial Secretary forward the 3rd credential card with the names of the delegates and the seal of the council to:

Gary McKeone  
State Secretary  
99 Appletree Drive  
East Hartford CT 06118

### **Necrology Report**

The State Council Necrology Mass will be held Sunday April 28, 2019 at the Hartford Marriott 200 Columbus Blvd, Hartford. To have the members of your Council who passed between 4/1/2018 and 3/31/2019 remembered at this Mass, please forward their names to me at: [State.secretary@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:State.secretary@ctstatecouncil.org)

When sending the names please make note of their highest office held and if they were Honorary Life Members.

### **Council Per Capita**

For Councils to participate at the Convention or for them to be eligible for any awards they must be up to date on their per capita.

Gary McKeone  
State Secretary  
99 Appletree Drive  
East Hartford CT 06118

## **State Advocate Message**

### **Liability Insurance for Councils and Assemblies**

Every Council and Assembly needs to protect itself and its members with a General Liability (GL) insurance policy which names its Parish and Diocese as Additional Insured parties. More Parishes are now requiring proof of this. If your Council or Assembly needs GL insurance, contact the State Advocate at [state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org). We have a program through Lockton Affinity which provides very good coverage at low rates. Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance is also available. GL insures against claims for personal injury or property

damage. D&O insures against claims arising from decisions by the Council or Assembly.

### **Home Corporations**

If your Council uses a home corporation facility (sometimes called a "council home," "Knight's Hall," "KofC Club" etc.), then you are required to follow the instructions in the Handbook for Councils Using Home Corporation Facilities, and to sign the Terms of Use Agreement (a rental or license agreement) and the Charitable Distribution Agreement (which clarifies the Council's rights in case the building gets sold or the corporation terminates). Handbooks were widely distributed in the past and everything is available on the Officers Desk Reference on the [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) website. Any Council that uses a home corporation but has not done this is in violation of the Laws and Rules of the Order. If you have questions, contact the State Advocate at [state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org).

### **Council & Assembly Tax Filing / IRS Form 990**

The K of C Supreme Council is exempt from income tax under Section 501(c)(8) of the Internal Revenue Code, because it is a fraternal benefit society that provides insurance benefits to members. Local Councils and Assemblies get the same tax exempt status, provided that they comply with the requirement to file a Form 990 tax return every year. Councils and Assemblies with less than \$50,000 in annual revenue can use the Form 990-N, which is an easy, free online filing that requires very little information and takes just a few minutes. Councils or Assemblies with more revenue have to do a longer form. If a Council or Assembly does not file for 3 years, it will lose its tax exempt status. Getting it back takes a bit of work, a long application form, and may also require a fee of \$600. You do not want to have to deal with this, so file the form. If the IRS sees a lot of Councils and Assemblies that do not care about their tax status or filing forms, it may begin to wonder why we have tax exempt status at all. If you have questions, contact the State Advocate at [state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org).

*Matthew C. McGrath*

### **“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.**