



# CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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## Two Month Calendar

Date/Time	Event/Program	Place/Location
May 19, Sunday 2PM	Living Rosary	Enders Island-Mystic

## Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

June 8-9, Sat-Sun	Special Olympics	SCSU-New Haven
June 17, Monday 8AM	State Council Golf Outing	Lyman Orchards Middlefield, CT
July 12-13, Fri-Sat	District Deputy Seminar	Marriott Courtyard Cromwell

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

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## Membership Director's Message

### TWO MONTHS LEFT TO GET TO STAR COUNCIL AND GROWTH AWARD

***Special Supreme Incentive for councils that achieve STAR COUNCIL.*** Star Council will get your council credit of \$4.50 per billable council member. We have 64 COUNCILS THAT ARE WITH 4 NET NEW MEMBERS and 3 NET NEW INSURANCE MEMBERS OF STAR COUNCIL.

The State will recognize councils with the GROWTH AWARD by having their NET NET MEMBERS GROW BY AT LEAST ONE FROM LAST JULY 1ST TO THIS JUNE 30TH.

- 51 councils currently qualify, (keep your Net Net positive).
- 39 are currently at a Net Net of Zero, (only need a net net change of +1).
- 63 councils are with 4 Net Net Members to qualify.

Any questions, please contact State Membership Director Joe Rahtelli at [membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org).

## **MAY-JUNE MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE**

Any councils that recruit six (6) new members or more between May 1st and June 30th will be entered into a raffle. The raffle prize depends on the number of councils that qualify. The more qualifiers the larger the prize:

<u>Number of Qualifiers</u>	<u>Raffle Prize</u>
Less than five:	\$250
Between five and nine:	\$500
<b>Ten or More:</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>

Make sure you qualify for the great raffle prize.

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, or download from Officers Online.
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:**

Thursday, May 9 @ 7:00 PM in Colchester  
Monday, May 13 @ 6:30 PM in New Haven  
Tuesday, May 14 @ 7:15 PM in Monroe  
Sunday, May 19 @ 9:30 AM in Putnam  
Sunday, May 19 @ 6:30 PM in Rockville  
Monday, May 20 @ 6:30 PM in Enfield  
Monday, May 20 @ 6:45 PM in Gales Ferry  
Tuesday, May 28 @ 6:30 PM in Fairfield  
Tuesday, May 28 @ 7:00 PM in Waterbury  
Sunday, June 2 @ 6:00 PM in Suffield  
Monday, June 3 @ 7:00 PM in Bristol  
Tuesday, June 4 @ 7:00 PM in Glastonbury  
Monday, June 10 @ 6:30 PM in New Haven  
Monday, June 10 @ 6:45 PM in Gales Ferry  
Tuesday, June 11 @ 7:15 PM in Monroe  
Thursday, June 13 @ 7:00 PM in Colchester  
Sunday, June 23 @ 6:30 PM in Tolland  
Monday, June 24 @ 6:30 PM in Enfield  
Tuesday, June 25 @ 7:00 PM in Middlebury  
Thursday, June 27 @ 7:00 PM in West Hartford

### **Second/Third Degrees:**

Sunday, June 2, 2019 @ 12:00 PM in Groton

### **Fourth Degree:**

Sunday, October 20, 2019 in Bridgeport

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

Fraternal YTD:

26 - New Haven #10705

24 - Sandy Hook #185

19 - Cheshire #2978

17 - Enfield #50

14 - Greenwich #39

11 - Monroe #5987

11 - South Windsor #5779

10 - Brookfield #11913

10 - Newington #3884

9 - New Britain #31

9 - Stamford #41

18 - Gaetano J Mascolo, #185

10 - James C Fletcher, #2978

8 - David L St Hilaire, #10705

6 - Michael J Purdy, #12698

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

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

## Program Director's Message

**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 Council website. Councils who have not submitted Form 365 to the Supreme Council with their Program, Community and Family Directors identified and completing Safe Environment Training and background check authorizations will disqualify the Council from the Columbian Award aspirations. The deadline for submitting the **SP-7** application to the Supreme office is **June 30, 2019**.

**Family of the Month.** The Supreme Office selected two Connecticut families in March. The Richard Crooks family, submitted by Council 4314, Groton and the Craig Tini 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.

**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 a food drive to support the local organizations who distribute food to those in need in your community.

**Living Rosary.** Sunday, May 20th at St. Edmunds Retreat Center, Enders Island, Mystic. The Living Rosary will begin at 2 pm. If you have never been to a Living Rosary, consider attending this very Spiritual event with your family. Directions and our flyer can be found on the State website.

**Special Olympics.** Saturday June 8th from 8 am to 5 pm and Sunday June 9th from 8 am to 4 pm. This year we have two main locations, Southern Connecticut State University and Yale University. Track events will be at the Yale location. Yes, we will be manning **TWO Olympic Towns**. More help than in past years is needed to support the athletics. Consider volunteering as an individual, with your family, with members of your Council or with members of your Assembly. Help out for a few hours or spend the day. All are welcome. Details can be found on the state website or contact Jim Wilson at [jwilson4660@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jwilson4660@sbcglobal.net) or 860-471-5222 for more details or to volunteer. Please consider helping this year as we are committed to making this a fun time for the athletics and we cannot do it without YOU.

**Vocation Golf Tournament.** Monday, June 17th at Lyman Orchards Golf Club in Middlefield. The day begins with 7:30 am registration, followed by breakfast with an 8:30 shotgun start. If you are unable to attend, sponsorships are available. This is a fun event that supports men studying for the priesthood or religious life throughout the state. Gather your foursome. Details can be found on the State website or contact Kevin Brady at [kevin.brady@kofc.org](mailto:kevin.brady@kofc.org) or 203-654-1717.

**Marian Icon Program.** Our three Marian Icons “*Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians*” continue their journey throughout our state. Each District will have an Icon available to them for two months providing the opportunity for each Council in the District to have an Icon for at **least a week**, ample time to schedule 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.*

**State Council Service Program Award Winners.** There were 44 applications submitted within the four categories. The following activities were selected for the 2018-2019 fraternal year.

**Faith** – Divine Mercy (Day of Reflection), Council 4313, Coventry, David Imhof GK;  
**Family** – FCA Child & Family Picnic, Council 14360, Norwalk, Scott Criscuolo, GK;  
**Community** – Caroline Previdi's Toy Chest, Council 185, Sandy Hook, Jeff Leja, GK;  
**Life** – Silver Rise Transfer RI to CT, Council 4313, Coventry, David Imhof, GK.

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 Program Director: Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-7050 or [program.director@ctstatecouncil.org](mailto:program.director@ctstatecouncil.org)

## State Deputy Message

My Brother Knights – a couple weeks ago the State Council held its 126<sup>th</sup> State Convention with a lot of business discussed. I want to thank those who attended the weekend and business session I hope you heard and bring back to your councils all the information that was provided. Our teams discussed in detail the issues and slow growth with Membership in Connecticut. I hope for a strong finish to the fraternal year. Additionally I want to congratulate State Deputy-Elect Gary McKeone who will be taking over effective July 1, 2019. Brother McKeone has been involved with the Knights and the State staff for many, many years and I look forward to working with him and the rest of the team going forward to help the State grow. We have a lot of work to do, we need all councils, all members to help in this. As Gary said in his acceptance speech “one member, per council, per month” – if we can accomplish that, the state will grow.

I also want to thank the State staff, State Convention team, General Agents, wives and families for their help at the convention in making this successful. I appreciate all you did!!!

Once again, please reach out to the State Officers, Membership Team, Program Team and General Agents in completing your membership drives for this year.

In closing, as I indicated in my discussion at the convention – please work with your councils and council officers and do not take the months of July and August off. If you choose not to have regular council meetings, please have planning meetings in the summer to schedule and plan your events, membership drives it is better to hit the ground running on July 1, 2019 then September and October.

Vivat Jesus!

Steven J. Bacon  
CT State Deputy

## State Secretary Message

Thank you to the Delegates of the 126th Annual Convention for showing their confidence in me by electing me the next State Deputy of Connecticut. Congratulations to Tom and Rosemary Vita on being the Convention Honorees. It was an honor that was well deserved. Thank you the State Deputy Steve Bacon for the past two years of leadership and enjoy your new position of Immediate Past State Deputy.

Even though the Convention was held the Fraternal year still has two months left so continue your programs and recruiting to finish the year off strong and springboard your Council into the next Fraternal year.

The Staff for next year is being constructed and District Deputies and Program Chairman will be contacted in the next few weeks so I can see what their wishes are for next year.

District Deputies please note that the DD seminar will be held July 12-13 at the Courtyard Marriott in Cromwell.

**Gary McKeone**  
State Secretary

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## 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.**

### **New State Officers for 2019-2020**

**State Deputy – Gary P. McKeone**

**State Secretary – Klaus Stankiewicz**

**State Treasurer – David Gianotti**

**State Advocate – Matthew C. McGrath**

**State Warden – Joseph Rahtelli**

**Immediate Past State Deputy – Steven J. Bacon**