



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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Two Month Calendar

Date/Time	Event/Program	Place/Location
Mar. 8, Sun. 12:30PM	Eastern Regional Free throw	East Hartford
Mar. 21, Sat. 9:30AM	FS/FC Training	Museum, New Haven
Mar. 22, Sun. 1:30PM	State Spelling Bee	St. Mary's, New Haven
Mar. 28, Sat. Noon	Statewide Degree In Honor of Archbishop Blair	Museum, New Haven
Mar. 28, Sat. 1:00PM	Free Throw State Finals	Drubner Gym, Waterbury
Mar. 29, Sun. 4PM	Fr. McGivney Award Banquet	Aqua Turf, Plantsville
Mar. 30, Mon. 7PM	New Delta Church Drive Seminar	St. Gregory's, Bristol
Apr. 5, Sun. 1PM	Stations of the Cross	St. Margaret's, Bridgeport
Apr. 15, Wed. TBA	Rally for Life	Hartford Capital
Apr. 17-20 Fri-Sun	State Convention	Hartford Downtown Marriott
Apr. 26, Sun. 12:30PM	State Bowling Challenge	Wolcott

Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

May 17, Sun. 2:00PM	Living Rosary	Enders Island, Mystic
Jun. 7, Sun. 12:30PM	Fourth Degree Exemplification	St. Mary's, New Haven
Jun. 22, Mon. 7:30AM	State Vocations Golf Tournament	Lyman Orchards,

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

State Chaplain's Message

Dear Brother Knights:

Here we are in the midst of our Lenten journey. How is it going? Every year on Ash Wednesday I hear the same old statements from family and friends telling me their goals for Lent. Sadly, these statements are often not about real change. So often family and friends say things like *I am going to give up chocolate...I am giving up snacking...I am going to give up alcohol...I am going to work out daily...I am going to stop gossiping.* More often than not what we are willing to give up has an alternate motive such as better health or improved relationships. That is not what Lent is for.

As the ashes were placed on our foreheads we were told “Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” Repent comes from the Greek word *metanoia* which means “a change of mind.” **Lent is a time to make that deliberate decision to turn our lives around and go in the opposite direction, specifically, to turn back toward God.** As one of the Prefaces of Lent says “through bodily fasting you restrain our faults, raise up our minds, and bestow both virtue and its rewards, through Christ our Lord.” That is what Lent is really meant to be about.

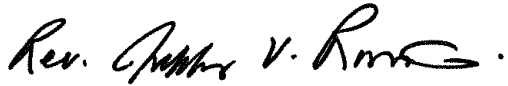
This year I challenge my brother Knights and your families to get to the heart of what Lent is. This is a challenge! This will not be easy! But Lent should be about more than simply giving stuff up, like chocolates and pizza, and more about DOING something that will bring that real change in our lives. It should be about *metanoia* and turning back toward God. It should be about becoming more like Christ. So what is that one thing you need to change in your life? What is that one thing you need to work on to bring it from vice to virtue? Offer all of your prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lent to working on that one thing and make that your Lenten commitment. That will certainly deepen your experience of Lent and your own relationship with Jesus.

Being Knights of Unity. Recently, well over the past few months as I have acclimated to my role among you as State Chaplain, I have been surprised by what I have heard from some of our brother Knights. Statements and comments regarding the new regalia or, now, the new ceremonials, have really made me step back and pray about what it means to be Knights of Columbus, and thus Knights of Unity. I know, and I completely understand based on my experience of change in the Archdiocese during the Pastoral Planning process, that change is not always easy. I get that some people really struggle with change. I get that our natural inclination is to hold fast to the things we know, such as the old regalia and the old ceremonials, and close ourselves to even considering anything new. But change is happening. And these changes have been implemented and are proving to be good. In regard to the new ceremonials, the initial numbers are most encouraging to the rate of new members being brought into the Order. We also have to understand that these new ceremonials help us get the message out to parishioners, family and friends, regarding what the Knights of Columbus is all about! As Knights, Unity, Charity, and Fraternity are our way of life, our path of discipleship, so let’s make that known and live it out in our daily lives.

So if we are truly **Knights of Unity**, then let us unite as such and support the efforts of our Order. Let’s stop the complaining to one another, and at times to family and friends, about the changes and support them through and through. I even heard a member, who had served on the State level years ago, say “if I was a young man today I wouldn’t join the Knights of Columbus...too much is changing.” Come on! Let’s move on together **united** as one brotherhood supporting the efforts of our Order which are meant to foster increased membership. **Let’s be Knights of Unity** in actuality and not just in theory.

Thank you for your service and witness to the Faith in Jesus and to the Catholic Church! The Church needs your witness today more than ever! Let’s continue to grow the Order!

Vivat Jesus!



State Chaplain

Membership Director's Message

STATEWIDE DEGREE OF NEW EXEMPLIFICATION:

There is a statewide Exemplification in honor of Archbishop Blair, Honorary State Chaplain. It will take place on Saturday, March 28th at the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven starting at 11am. The goal is that each District send **3 NEW MEMBERS** to this Exemplification. **33 Districts X 3 NEW MEMBERS per District = 99 NEW MEMBERS.** That is how we will Grow our Order.

NEW SUPREME COUNCIL INCENTIVE:

Any council that achieves Star Council this year will receive rebate of \$4.50 per capita paying council member.

100 per capita members = \$450; 50 = \$225; 200 = \$900.

Council Incentive:

Any council that reaches their quarterly goal of membership intake and suspends less than 3% of their membership will qualify for an entry into a \$500 raffle for that respective quarter.

Example: Council yearly quota is 4 members. Quarterly goal is 1 new member. If they suspend less than 3% of their membership during the year they qualify for that quarter.

Third Quarter Council Raffle will be held at the State Convention – April 18, 2020

Congratulations to councils who have already qualified for third quarter:

Bristol #9, Branford #10, Naugatuck #33, Waterbury #36, Enfield #50, Torrington #55, Sandy Hook #185, Jewett City #2364, Windsor #3181, East Haven #3300, Westport #3688, Groton #4314, Suffield #6281, Clinton #6376, Waterbury #10865, Brookfield #11913, Storrs #14209 and Milford #15870

New Delta Church Drive Webinar, Seminar:

Webinars:

Saturday, March 14 @ 11:00 AM EDT / 10:00 AM CDT

Thursday, March 19 @ 7:00 PM EDT / 6:00 PM CDT

Seminar:

Monday, March 30 @ 7:00 PM St Gregory, 235 Maltby St, Bristol, CT 06010. Please RSVP number of attendees to Kevin Glazier @ ceremonials.chairman@ctstatecouncil.org.

All exemplifications are posted on the State Council website (www.ctstatecouncil.org/events/first) and the State Council facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/ctko/c/events).

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TRAINING (Includes Faithful Comptrollers):

March 21st at the Knights of Columbus Museum, 9:30 Registration for 10am start. Covering duties & responsibilities using Member Management/Billing Please see the website for more information.

The Schedule of Charity, Unity and Fraternity Degrees:

Mar. 10, Tues. 7:15PM@Monroe
Mar. 12, Thur. 7PM@Colchester
Mar. 15, Sun. 10AM@Putnam
Mar. 22, Sun. 6:30PM@Tolland
Mar. 28, Sat. 10AM@New Haven
Mar. 30, Mon 6:30PM@Enfield
Mar. 31, Tue. 7PM@Middlebury
Apr. 6, Mon. 7PM@Bristol
Apr. 7, Tue. 7PM@Glastonbury
Apr. 9, Thur. 7PM@Colchester
Apr. 14, Tue. 7:15PM@Monroe
Apr. 25, Sat. 10AM@New Haven
Apr. 25, Sat. 10AM@Rockville
Apr. 27, Mon. 6:30PM@Enfield
Apr. 28, Tue. 7PM@Middlebury

Let's congratulate these councils and Brother Knights that helped "Grow the Order" in February and YTD:

February:

6 - Enfield, #50
5 - East Haven, #3300
5 - Brookfield, #11913
5 - Greenwich, #39
5 - Jewett City, #2364
3 - Branford, #10

4 - Michael Vittorio Sr, #3300
3 - Scott Senete, #11913
2 - Daniel Caruso, #39
2 - Stanley Stradczuk, #2364
2 - Stephen Champagne, #2364
2 - Mark Caldarella, #2968
2 - William Macnamara Jr, #3688
2 - Richard Wethly, #6801
2 - Michaele Albarella, #10537

YTD:

19 - Bristol, #9
12 - Clinton, #6376

12 - Windsor, #3181
11 - Branford, #10
11 - Sandy Hook, #185
11 - Suffield, #6281
10 - Enfield, #50
10 - East Haven, #3300
10 - New Haven, #10705

15 - Rev Alphonso Fontana, #9
7 - Thomas Drzata, #3675
7 - Mark Sirois, #36
7 - Tom Harris, #3181
6 - James Smith, #6376
4 - Louis Imperato Jr, #46
4 - Michael Muttitt, #12523
4 - Anton Miranda, #5779
4 - Louis Tedeschi, #7054
4 - William Macnamara Jr, #3688
4 - Michael Vittorio Sr, #3300

Let's "Grow The Order".

Any questions, please contact State Membership Director Joe Rahtelli at membership.director@ctstatecouncil.org.

Program Director's Message

Annual Survey of Fraternal Activity Form #1728. As of March, 2, 2020, we have **35** active Councils who have not filed this report. This compilation of information provides the Supreme Council a measure of the charitable works the councils in Connecticut perform annually. To aid you in completing Form #1728, review the **Fraternal Programs Report Forms (#10784)** you have previously filed online. Form #10784 is a record of all your council's program activities and a valuable asset when completing Form #1728 and the Columbian Award Application SP-7. Remember, filing Form #1728 is a requirement for the Star Council Award.

Faith in Action. Each of the four categories has a required program a Council must complete during the fraternal year to qualify for the Columbian Award. *Spiritual Reflection Program (Faith), Consecration to the Holy Family (Family), Helping Hands (Community) and Novena for Life (Life)* are the required activities. **You will need to meet with your Pastor to plan when the Faith, Family and Life programs can take place it.**

Faith in Action 2019-2020 Program Incentive. Councils will receive **\$100** for completing all the activities and will be entered into a **\$500 raffle**. The Application detailing the requirements is available on the State website or from your District Deputy. Once all requirements have been completed, submit the application and appropriate forms to Ted Pacanowski, 74 Jog Hill Road, Trumbull, CT 06611 or to program.director@ctstatecouncil.org. The deadline is **June 30, 2020.**

Food for Families. Winter is slowly retreating while our nights are still cold, our days are getting longer. Many in our communities are struggling through hardship and unable to provide food for their families. The goal of Food for Families is to ensure that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night. Discuss with your council conducting a food drive to support the local organizations who distribute food to those in need in your community. Let's help end hunger in our communities.

Family of the Month. The January winner selected by the Supreme Office was the **Richard Knickerbocker family**, submitted by Council 3181, Windsor. **Congratulations!** This program costs nothing to participate in and is a wonderful way to recognize a family in your parish. With the many challenges facing families and our church, this simple recognition can go a long way in building up and supporting our families. Please consider participating in this worthwhile program. This is a Faith in Action Program Incentive activity. If you have any questions, contact Everett Harnish at harnisheverett@att.net.

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. This will allow each council in the district to have an Icon for at **least a week**, ample time to schedule service(s) in your Parish (es). Our Marion Icons are in Districts 2, 24 and 26 this month and remain there through April. This is a Faith in Action Program Incentive activity. Contact PSD Joe Murphy at 860-536-1431 for more details.

Basketball Free Throw. State Finals will be held on **Saturday, March 28th** at Post University, Drubner Center, 800 Country Club Road, Waterbury. Registration is 1 pm, the program will begin at 1:30 pm. Questions or comments, contact James T. Wilson, Basketball Free Throw Chairman, at lark72power@yahoo.com.

Spelling Bee. Regionals competitions are held in early March at various locations throughout the state. The State Finals will be held at St Mary's Church Hall, New Haven on **Sunday, March 22nd**. Registration begins at 1:30 pm and the competition will start at 2:00 pm. Details are available from the State website or contact Dave Rohlfing at darohling@gmail.com.

Annual Father Michael J. McGivney Banquet. This event will take place on **March 29th, 2020** at Aqua Turf in Plantsville. This year's honoree will be **Archbishop Leonard Paul Blair**. Please consider attending along with your Chaplain and/or Pastor to support Archbishop Blair. Refer to our State website for all details including reservation form.

Stations of the Cross. **April 5th** is the date and St Margaret's Shrine, Bridgeport is the location for this very Faith based event. Stations will begin at 2 pm presided by our State Chaplain Father Jeffery Romans and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will directly follow. Refer to our State website for all details or contact Kevin Donovan at kpadonovan@aol.com.

State Convention. Our **127th Annual Connecticut State Convention** will be held **April 17th to 19th** at the Hartford Marriott Downtown, Hartford. **Friday** evening is our Priest Appreciation dinner. All clergy attending will be the guest of the State Council. Please plan to attend along with your Chaplain or Pastor. **Sunday**, our Scholarships, Essay Contest and all Poster Contest

winners will be recognized at the breakfast. Your attendance will demonstrate your support for our YOUTH.

State Bowling Tournament. Our annual Bowling Tournament will be on Sunday **April 26th**, at the Wolcott Lanes in Wolcott. This is a family fun event. Assemble your family team, your council team, district team or and join us. Registration at 12:30 pm and the fun begins at 1 pm. The form and details are available on the State website. Or contact Maurice Goldberg at mr_goldbe@frontier.com.

State Council Service Program Awards. Does your council have a program or event that fits the Faith in Action model? Why not take some time and describe your program on **Form STSP** (available from Supreme website) and submit it prior to **March 31st, 2020** to the State Program Director? All entries will be judged and our State winners will be announced at our State Convention in April. State winners are submitted to Supreme for International Judging. Details are available on our State website or contact Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-7050 or program.director@ctstatecouncil.org.

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild. Serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials about him, receives reports of favors granted through his intercession and oversees the distribution of relics. Guild members receive regular updates on the progress of Father McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God. **Are you a member? Is your spouse a member? Are your council's officers members? etc.** It takes but a few minutes to join online or through the mail. You can use the form provided in the Columbian magazine or enroll online at www.fathermcgivney.org.

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.

Safe Environment. With less than FOUR months remaining in the fraternal year, there are councils still delinquent in filing Form 365 (**Service Program Personnel Report**). Form 365 is important for the council as it identifies your grand knight, program, community and family directors. These positions require Safe Environment Training. In addition, the community and family directors will require background check authorizations.

Save the Dates.

May 17th Living Rosary, Enders Island, Mystic

June 12th – 14th Special Olympics Summer Games, Fairfield U, Warde High School, and Yale

June 22nd Father McGivney Vocation Golf Classic, Lyman Orchards, Middlefield

Communications. Does your Council have an upcoming activity? Especially an activity within our Faith In Action Program model? Do you want help in publicizing? Contact our Public Relation Director, Bryan Baker at public.relations@ctstatecouncil.org for assistance.

Let us continue our commitment in Building the Domestic Church through our **Faith in Action** programs. These programs are designed to assist in developing our families, parishes and

communities. The following link to our Supreme website can provide insight into the **Faith in Action** program model and the new forms for reporting your Faith in Action activities. <http://www.kofc.org/un/en/programs/index.html>.

Programs attract Members - Members enhance Programs

For Additional information on these or any other program activities, please check the State Website www.ctstatecouncil.org/, Supreme website www.kofc.org or contact the Program Director: Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-7050 or program.director@ctstatecouncil.org.

State Deputy Message

Worthies,

As you know March was the month when our Order was founded. We have two very special events this month.

March 28th we will be holding a statewide Exemplification in honor of our Honorary State Chaplain and 2020 McGivney Award recipient Archbishop Blair. The Exemplification will be held at the Museum with registration taking place at 10:00 and Exemplification starting at 11:00. The next day March 29th which is Founders Day we will be holding the Venerable Father Michael McGivney Award Banquet. The McGivney Award is the highest honor the State Council presents and once again our Honoree is Archbishop Blair. Please come out and support both of these events, what better way to honor the Order and Archbishop then by inviting a man to join the Order. We had a good month recruiting in February, but that will mean nothing unless we follow up the effort with a good month in March, the Order is counting on you, me, all of us to ensure its continued growth.

At the end of this month the State Council along with Supreme will be holding Town Hall meetings/workshops throughout the State. Then following the State Convention in May/June we will be holding another set of Town Hall meetings/workshops. The first set of meetings will focus on helping councils achieve Star Council or position themselves to finish the year off with positive growth. The second set of meetings will follow up on where councils are and position them for a strong end to the Fraternal Year while also laying the groundwork for the next Fraternal Year. These meetings should be attended by the council leadership for this year and next. The dates for the first set of meetings will be March 31, April 1 & 2, the locations will be announced shortly through the district deputies.

Speaking of district deputies, some DD terms will be coming to an end in June and we will need to fill those vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a district deputy but are not sure on what the commitment is or if you would be able to handle the position, please talk to your current DD or any State Officer and they can either answer any question you have or refer you to someone who has the answers. One way to see what the position is about is to become a district warden, a district deputy can always use help and can have more than one district warden, so if interested let your DD know you are willing to help.

When this is published we will be 1 month from the State Convention, please make sure you or your council takes part in the State Convention this year. We are back in Hartford at the Marriott Downtown but the banquet will be in the CT Convention Center. The Convention Honorees this year are PSD John and Susan Macari. Please come out and thank John and Sue for all they have done for the State Council and the Order.

Finally, let us remember Past Supreme Knight Virgil Dechant. PSK Dechant was a great friend to the CT State Council and serving Supreme Knight from 1977-2000 he was the longest serving Supreme Knight in our Order's history. He was Supreme Knight when the last Supreme Convention was held in CT and when Fr. McGivney was moved to St Mary's Church. Our Order would not be what it is today if it wasn't for Supreme Knight Dechant's vision and leadership.

Vivat Jesus

Gary McKeone
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State Secretary Message

State Council Convention - Credential Cards

By now each council should have received its credential cards for delegates to attend the Connecticut State Council Meeting and Convention, along with an instruction letter. If you have not received them, contact me using the information below. Credential cards must be mailed to me by March 24, 2020.

Necrology Report

Councils should have also received a letter regarding the Necrology of recently deceased members, which is compiled for the state convention. Each council is asked to send an email to me at the address below. In the subject line of the email, put "Council XXX Necrology Report" and in the email provide the full names of any members of your council who died after April 1, 2019, along with former or past officer titles (PG, FDD, etc.). If the answer is none, then just write NONE in the email. this is due by April 10, 2020.

Lockton Affinity Insurance

All councils need general liability insurance to protect the council and its members from liability. Many parishes and dioceses now require K of C councils to provide proof of insurance in order to use church facilities. This will become more common as time goes on. The Lockton Affinity program is the best option for liability insurance that I know of. If you need a policy or have questions, contact me and I will assist you.

Per Capita

THIRD notice per capita statements have been sent out and are due now. Most councils have

paid, but there are a few stragglers. Councils that are not current on state council per capita are not permitted to send delegates to the convention.

Closing

It is an honor to serve as your state secretary, If there is anything that I can do to assist you or your council, do not hesitate to contact me at state.secretary@ctstatecouncil.org

Fraternally,

Matt McGrath
State Secretary
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New Haven, CT 06510

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 Secretary Matt McGrath at state.secretary@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 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 Joe Rahtelli at 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 Joe Rahtelli at state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org.

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State Warden Message

Venerable Michael J. McGivney Award Ceremony is Sunday, March 29, 2020.
Deadline for reservations is March 17th. Black Tie is preferred.

Honoree: Most Reverend Leonard P. Blair, Archbishop of Hartford

This year's dinner and ceremony will take place at the Aqua Turf in Plantsville, CT. Social hour at 4pm with dinner served at 5pm. The cost per dinner is \$50 per person. Order forms have been distributed a few times for your reservations. No tickets will be issued. Seating will be done on a first come first served basis when your reservation form and payment is received. Groups of 10 or more will be given priority seating and we will group attendees by district where possible. District deputies please coordinate reservations within your district. Please direct all reservations to the banquet tickets e-mail or fax number below. If you need another reservation form please contact Bill Macnamara at banquet.tickets@ctstatecouncil.org Fax:860-779-9872

“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 7:30 AM 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.