



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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Two Month Calendar

Date/Time	Event/Program	Place/Location
Sept. 13, Sun. Time TBD	Silver Rose From R.I.	Enders Island
<small>(The McGivney banquet and award ceremony originally scheduled for September 27th, has been rescheduled for March 28, 2021. All reservations, previously made, will be honored)</small>		
Oct. 4, Sun. 2PM	Living Rosary	Lourdes of Litchfield

Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Mar. 28, Sun. 4PM	Fr. McGivney Banquet	Plantsville-Aquaturf Club
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**More Details are available on State Council Website at:
ctstatecouncil.org**

Membership Directors' Message

Online Membership is on the rise, and local councils are benefiting from it. New Brother Knights are choosing to sign up utilizing www.KofC.org/JoinUs. This Web application is being embraced and helping councils with Membership Growth in a lot of ways.

Nearly 53% of all membership growth in Connecticut has been gained utilizing Online Membership since the inception of the Online Membership. This is up from about 31% the year before.

Web access through your Android or iPhone cell phone, tablet and laptop is also your membership form using the online application. Anyone who has a flip-open cell phone will have a hard time seeing the site, let alone entering information on it. Entering the applicant's information will take a lot more time than using someone's device that is easier for the task.

Issues with Form 100s sadly continue:

- 1) Lost or misplaced forms
 - a. Not knowing who currently holds them when needed for the Ceremonial
 - b. Lost all together; candidate has to complete another
- 2) Incomplete information
- 3) Not getting turned in through the Council to Supreme
 - a. Delays initiation date with Supreme
 - b. Keeps full Knights from enjoying free benefits of local membership

- 4) Failure to reach Membership goals at end of fraternal year

Familiarize yourselves with www.KofC.org/JoinUs. Open the application and enter the requested information to sign up a new Knight online. Make sure to have your membership number handy if you want the credit.

Better yet, create a short cut on your phone with the www.kofc.org/joinus address and it acts like an app.

How to Create iPhone Short Cuts

Create a new shortcut for iPhone:

1. Open the Safari app and type in www.kofc.org/joinus
2. Tap **Share icon (looks like a box with an arrow coming out the top)**.
3. At the bottom scroll to the right “Add to Home Screen” Icon shows. Click on it.
4. Click above URL to rename “KofC App” and then in the upper right click “Add”.
5. Your icon will be added to your home screen.

Create a new shortcut for Android Phone:

1. Open Chrome Browser on the Android phone and type in www.kofc.org/joinus
2. Click on the 3 little dots (menu) in the right upper corner
3. Click on “Add to Home screen”
4. Rename to “KofC App” otherwise it will be listed as “Legacy of Faith and Service”

I really hope that the candidate for membership expresses an interest in joining a local council, namely yours! After confirming his Catholicity, encourage him to do so in the application and to include your council number. Once added, the leadership of your council on record at Supreme will be notified of his application by Email and usually within 24 hours.

The State Membership Director, State Deputy and I are also notified by Email. The State Deputy and I regularly forward these to you, and your district deputy, just in case you did not receive it.

If you do not recall your council number at the time, do not worry. I up with the Online Knight and determine which council the application should go to and direct it to the appropriate council leaders, if known, via Email. Reply and let us know you received it.

Some Online Knights live in one town but attend a parish in another. At times, the online member must be contacted to learn which parish in the area he attends. Nearby parishes can sometimes have the same names and can only be a short distance away.

Do not forget to tell the prospective Knight about the difference in your dues and the initiation fee of your council. Never let this be a surprise!

Great! The online transaction is completed. The Supreme and State Councils have a new Knight but is not a local council Knight just yet. Once a council receives the prospective candidate for

local membership, the council's recruiting team now gets into action to see his local Council membership become a reality for all of you. This is the same process followed if the member had filled out a Form 100. Get the Admissions Committee together and/or, if known to him, seek your Pastor's affirmation of the candidate. If found to be worthy, get the Online Knight to the Exemplification as soon as possible.

Exemplification On-Demand Procedures

I encourage you to continue to promote the convenience of the "On-Demand" Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity, and invite all the men on your prospect list to join the Order in this way. As of 08/22/2020, when you send the invitation to prospects, please ensure you are using the new, updated PDFs linked below. If you did not get this e-mail, please contact us for a copy with usable links. We have migrated the on-demand ceremony to a **new platform, which will make older invitation documents obsolete.**

NEW On-Demand Invitations

ENGLISH

SPANISH

FRENCH

The process for inviting candidates to participate remains the same:

ONLINE EXEMPLIFICATION PROCEDURES

- Councils should forward the downloadable PDF invitation to all eligible prospects for admission and advancement (Click here for [English](#), [Spanish](#) and [French](#)).
- Note that they will need your council number to complete the registration.
- Instruct the candidates to register for the on-demand exemplification by clicking on the "View Now" link within the PDF invitation and filling out the online form.
- Contact the candidates to guide them through the registration if needed.
- Candidates then participate in the ceremony, which starts immediately after registering.
- After the ceremony, councils must process the candidates by submitting form 100s the traditional way or electronically in Officers Online.
- This invitation is intended for new and advancing members. Existing Third and Fourth Degree members can watch the ceremony at videos.kofc.org/exemplification.

Present or get the candidate to the live Ceremonial as these are preferred, not only by us but the candidates, too. These can be conducted by every active council. Memorization is great, but not necessary. Your team should practice ahead of time and make a good presentation of the Ceremonial. Candidates and representatives should always be dressed appropriately for the degree. Ties and jackets are required. Family and friends can be invited to witness the Ceremonial, however it is NOT open to the general public.

Online Knight membership cards are quite different in appearance to those of full Brother Knights. This card is as good as a Form 100 has been presented at the degree.

Our council meetings are open to all Knights, full Brothers or Online Knights. Please note that

Online Knights can speak at your council meetings but do not have voting rights until after they have taken the Ceremonial and become a full Brother Knight.

Here are the current numbers of Online Membership compared to last year at this time:

	<u>July 19-Feb 20</u>	<u>July 18-Feb 19</u>
New Online Knights	135	79
Joined A Local Council	68	18
Percentage of Those Joining Local Council	50.4%	22.7%

The average age of men joining the Order Online is 47.

Since the online program began in Connecticut in August 2017, 358 have joined online. 189 Online Knights have joined local councils. This is a 52.8% conversion rate. 1 Online Knight was suspended this fraternal year and 37 have been suspended since its inception.

There are some areas where we can do better. As of this report date of March 27, we have 72 Online members dating back to the beginning of Online Membership that have been assigned to local councils and have yet to be converted to local membership. No response, no reply. There has been some acknowledgment from district deputies of receipt, but no result.

If you do not reply with a good reason as to why this member will not be considered for council membership, his request will be assigned to another council. We would rather not embarrass a local council like this, but we are not the one failing to act, especially if he is worthy for membership locally. Remember - he attends your local parish.

Some Knights who were previously suspended from the Order do try to join online. In a matter of a few days, Supreme usually catches it, immediately reminds them of their status and terminates the membership immediately. If the information entered is inaccurate or their Catholicity cannot be confirmed, it is on the applicant to prove that it is. If the applicant cannot do so, the membership is terminated.

Sometimes setbacks or delays in notification occurs for any number of reasons. Councils that did not submit Forms 185 – Report on Officers Chosen and/or 365 – Service Program Personnel for the current fraternal year are great examples of this. If we do not know who you are, how do we get these to you? In this day and age, we should not have to rely on added hands to lighten the burden. Complete the forms and provide current information. As changes occur during the fraternal year, we do not get it unless you tell us. Submit and notify us of the changes during the fraternal year when these occur.

Some forms have been sent but Supreme, the state deputy and/or district deputy did not receive them. Once you learn of this, please submit them again. Please ensure the reports are saved on your computer BEFORE forwarded them Online.

Some council leaders eagerly reply to the Email received while others provide no response at all. Be kind, reply. Everyone knows we like to talk, but we understand when you are busy, and time

is short. A simple, “Thanks Jim, I got it,” will suffice. It lets me know you received it. Hopefully, you and our Brother Knights will help Online Knights become Brother Knights in your council. We will follow up with your district deputy to see how the membership request progresses.

We are all here to help you, but we cannot do it all for you. The gains are possible and very real. It is up to all of us as MEMBERSHIP IS EVERY KNIGHT’S BUSINESS! It would be nice to know everything about your councils, parishes, and all of the activities, and all of our Brothers and others who make them all so vibrant with activity. It just not possible. We need you to tell the rest of the history and future for your councils and parishes. You are the ones who are there.

Lastly. A special thanks for Jim Roy’s contribution to the membership newsletter this month.

Vivat Jesus,

Bill Macnamara and Kevin Glazier

Program Director’s Message

The coronavirus pandemic may impact our programs and activities for 2020-2021 fraternal year. The Program Team will continue to move forward in the fraternal year offering our programs and adapting in accordance with state and local guidelines.

Most important, we must continue our focus on our families during this un-precedent time in our lives. Be safe and follow the federal and state guidelines to stop the spread of the coronavirus. Let’s keep in mind our senior members and their families during this crisis. Check with them from time to time to ensure their needs are met. Let’s not forget our neighbors, also. Your actions as a Council or individual will surely be appreciated by all.

Please keep our fire, police, health care professionals and volunteers who are helping those most affected by the coronavirus in your prayers. Pray for our scientists to swiftly create and dispense medicines to control the coronavirus and to save lives.

Star Council. Requirements for the **2020 – 2021** Fraternal Year:

- **McGivney Award** (Membership) – **5%** Net Growth in Membership (Minimum 3 / Maximum 20)
- **Founders Award** (Insurance) - Host and Promote **Two** Fraternal Benefit Seminars
- **Columbian Award** (Programs) – See Below.
- Required Forms - **#365 (Program Personnel) & #1728 (Fraternal Survey)**
- In Good Standing with Supreme Council - **Safe Environment Compliant**

Columbian Award. The requirements of 16 Program Credits for the Columbian Award are reinstated for the 2020-2021 fraternal year. 4 Credits are required in each of the categories - Faith, Family, Community and Life. There are no Required Programs and additional Featured Programs have been added. Featured Programs when conducted in accordance with the requirements provide for 2 credits.

Refer to the Table below for the Featured Programs for the 2020 -2021 fraternal year.

FAITH	COMMUNITY
RSVP Into the Breach Spiritual Reflection Holy Hour	Coats for Kids Global Wheelchair Mission Habitat for Humanity Leave No Neighbor Behind
FAMILY	LIFE
Food for Families Family of the Month/Year Family Prayer Night Family Fully Alive	March for Life Special Olympics Ultrasound Program Pregnancy Center Support

The Father Michael J. McGivney Guild. The **Father Michael McGivney Guild** serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Father McGivney, 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.

With upcoming elevation of **Father Michael J. McGivney** to **Blessed** at St Joseph's Cathedral in Hartford on October 31st, your support and prayers continued to be needed.

I challenge all Knights and their families during the months of **September and October** to join the Guild and pray for Father Michael J. McGivney elevation to **Sainthood** in the near future.

It takes but a few minutes to join on-line or through the mail and there is no cost. You can use the form provided in the Columbian magazine or enroll on-line at www.fathermcgivney.org.

Food for Families. As our state continues to reopen slowly, many remain unemployed due to the pandemic. With these added to those in our communities struggling through hardships and unable to provide food for their families, the need for this program continues.

The goal of Food for Families is to ensure that as few as possible go to bed hungry each night. Your Council can help by conducting a food drive to support the local organizations distributing food to those in need in your community, especially during this time of hardships for many through no fault of their own. Let us all help end hunger in our communities and assist those struggling during this pandemic to feed their families.

Family of the Month. This activity is now a **Featured Program**. With that said, those Councils participating can earn two credits towards the Columbian Award. Councils are required to recognize twelve families throughout the fraternal year: one for each month. In addition, each council should submit a Family of the Year to our State competition. Report activity using the Family of the Month Report Form (#10668) and the Family of the Year Entry Form (#10680). If a Council is unable to participate every month, for participating during the year a Council can earn one credit.

For the month of **June**, the Supreme Office selected the **Joseph Banach** family submitted by Council 5, Wallingford and for the month of **July**, the Supreme Office selected the **Scott Lougal** family submitted by Council 10, Branford. **Congratulations to both families.**

A sincere **Thank You** to Councils **5, 10, 3181, 4313, 6281 and 7054** for participating in the Family of the Month program last fraternal year and **Congratulations** to all families honored by their Councils.

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 Scott Laporte at scottlap@yahoo.com.

Silver Rose. The Silver Rose will be received from Rhode Island on September 13th at St Matthias and will be transferred to New York on October 17th. Details will be forthcoming. As the Silver Rose's journey thought out our state is limited this year, it is important for those interested in having the Silver Rose for a parish service contact your District Deputy or DD George Zocco at 203-288-5493 as soon as possible to secure a date. This is a Faith in Action Program Incentive activity.

Spiritual Reflections. The Into The Breach Virtual Mini-Retreat is a short spiritual retreat you can do from the comfort of your home. The series is 12 sessions on the 4th Monday of each month at 8 pm and will last for about one hour. Preregistration is required as an email invitation is required to attend. The next session is on September 28th and the topic will be Brotherhood. For additional information and to pre-register contact David Imhof at imhofda@aol.com.

Soccer Challenge. Information is available on the Supreme website. Council competitions need to be completed by September 30th. There will be no District competitions this year. East and West Regionals will be conducted in October and State Finals in late October. The exact dates will be published as sites are confirmed. This is a Faith in Action Program Incentive activity. Additional information will be available on our State website. For more information contact Joe Perrelli at izzie153@comcast.net.

Vocation Poster Contest. This activity is in progress throughout our state and continues through October. All rules and details are available on our State website. This is a Faith in Action Program Incentive activity. For more information contact Jim Roy at jamesroy@snet.net.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. It is not too early to order your kits from Supreme. Details are at our State website. For more information contact James Ciaglo at jwciaglo@frontier.net.

Living Rosary. Save the Date. Sunday, October 4th at Lourdes of Litchfield. Details will be available at our State website.

Marian Icon Program. Our three Marian Icons "*Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians*" are in Districts 2, 24 and 26. Supreme introduced a new Icon at the Supreme Convention last month,

Saint Michael, The Archangel. Until we receive the new Icons we will continue with our present Icons pending Church openings. Contact PSD Joe Murphy at 860-536-1431 for more details.

Faith in Action 2020-2021 Program Incentive. A new Incentive Program for this fraternal year was introduced in July. The details and requirements are available on the State website or from your District Deputy.

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.

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

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

As you know we are now into the last month of the first quarter of the Fraternal Year. **IS YOUR COUNCIL ACTIVE?** That is not a rhetorical question...Is your Council active. I ask because as of today we have 15 Councils in the State that have added a member.

The State Council through on-line membership in closing in on 100 members, but the local Councils have yet to bring these men into their Council. I understand that COVID is still happening but let us all take a good look around and see what is happening. Target, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowes are all full whenever you go there, Restaurants with outdoor seating are also full and have people waiting in lines to get in, restaurants with only indoor seating are also full (yes they have less capacity but they are still full). Churches are open and Masses are filling back up again. When we look around we see everyone doing almost what they were doing last September except with a mask on and cleaner hands. Why can't our Councils be active? Why are we not out there helping as we were when the pandemic first started? Why are we not helping our Churches and Communities as we have done in the past? Yes, I know of Councils who are doing blood drives, cleaning Churches and feeding people but I also know of Councils who have not yet met this fraternal year and have no plan to either, I know of Councils who when asked why they haven't filed their forms or added a member replied with "we haven't met since April or March". My home Council is not allowed to meet in the Church Hall that we always meet in, but the Council still meets monthly over the phone on conference call, the Officers have a plan and a schedule of events. What it comes down to is if there is a will there is

a way. Please get your Councils active, your Church and Community need you don't let this pandemic sideline you and your Council when they need us most.

I just said when there is a will there is a way and proof of that is our Star Council Awards Ceremony. In years past the event was held at the Museum in New Haven and last year I said that "wouldn't it be great if we had too many Councils and attendees at this event that we couldn't hold it at the Museum because we would be over the capacity?" Well, this year we can't have the event at the Museum due to COVID, but even if the Museum was open we wouldn't be able to have it there because this year we are awarding 43 Star Councils and 7 Star Districts which means we are too big for the Museum. How do we hold an event during COVID for over 200 people? We hold the event outdoors in a Baseball Stadium. On November 7 the Star Council/Star District Awards Ceremony will be held at New Britain Stadium with a Mass to proceed the Awards presentations. This is an invitation only event and they will be mailed in October.

Unfortunately, we cannot hold the McGivney Dinner that was scheduled for September 27th outdoors so we will have to postpone again, we are rescheduled for March 28, 2021 at the Aquaturf. Yes this is Palm Sunday but the McGivney Dinner is booked for the last Sunday in March for years in advance to be close to the Founding date of the Order. This will not be the first time it is on Palm Sunday and it will not be the last. Please pray that the pandemic will be a bad memory by then and we can gather to celebrate this event together.

Finally, I will point out Membership opportunities. If you are unaware, even though Supreme has ended free on-line membership the State Council is now offering it for a limited time only. The new code for free on-line membership is **CTKOFC**. This is a great opportunity for you to get men into your Council, show them what we do and engage them to become active Knights. There is no risk for them, join for free and see what we are all about...Also as our Founder is being Beatified on October 31 interest in the Knights is growing so please take full advantage to get these men into your Councils. You may have noticed there is a QR code on the State Council ads on Facebook and Instagram, this QR code when scanned is a direct link to www.kofc.org/joinus. Please feel free to copy and paste this QR code onto any and every Council advertisement you may have or be sending out, especially place it in your Church's bulletin.

Please get your Councils active, get them active in the Church, Community and membership growth. Show everyone what and who we are.

Vivat Jesus

Gary McKeone
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State Chaplain's Message

This month of September (on the 14th) we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. We think of how the Cross is and always has been a symbol of such significant meaning for Catholics and for all Christians alike. It holds such significance because it represents the Cross on Calvary where Christ gave everything that He had for the sins of mankind and He willingly laid down His life for us.

The cross means a number of things for us as Catholic Christians, here are a few reflections:

1. It is a confession of faith. When we make the sign of the Cross we are visibly expressing our belief in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
2. It is also a reminder of baptism. Baptism for us as Catholics is the sacrament that signifies death and rebirth, like what Christ Himself did on the cross.
3. It is a mark of discipleship. It comes from the scriptures when we are told by Jesus Himself, "if anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me."
4. It is a symbol of Christ's ownership. For us as Catholics, the cross stands for obeying, belonging to, and obedience to God and His law in our lives.
5. It is a defense against evil. Making the sign of the cross is showing the Evil One that we are owned willingly by God and that He alone is our protector.
6. It is a sign of triumph over temptations. The temptations of life, such as anger, greed, lust and fear, can all be conquered and destroyed through the cross.
7. Ultimately it is a sign of love. The cross is the greatest symbol of love the world will ever know. Christ willingly gave Himself up for our sins.

Saint Pope John Paul II once asked a group of children if they knew the first letter of God's alphabet. They of course said "a." But the pope replied, no, the first letter of God's alphabet is not "a"; it is the cross.

God created the universe with the cross in mind. The cross stands at the center of creation - and the center of human history. Human history really makes no sense apart from the cross.

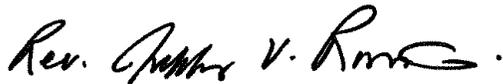
As I reflect on the past month I am reminded of the 138th Annual Supreme Convention. As you can imagine due to Covid-19 this year's convention was quite unusual. We were not gathered with thousands of Knights and their families. Rather we gathered in the very place where our Order was founded in Saint Mary Church in New Haven. We gathered there to be nourished by the Holy Eucharist and then made our way to the Knights of Columbus Museum where we had our own space in which the State Delegation participated in the Virtual Convention. During the Convention, Supreme Knight Carl Anderson reminded us that we are Knights of Fraternity! It is carrying on the three-year focus on the founding principles of our Order. He called on us to recognize that we are united in faith and charity, and this is clearly evident when we exhibit fraternal concern for one another. So what have you done lately to live out this principle in your life?

JOIN ME IN PRAYER! Pray for peace in our nation, in our state, on our streets. Pray for our first responders. Pray for firefighters, police officers, EMTs, doctors, and nurses. Pray for those who have died from the Coronavirus, those who have lost loved ones from this virus, and those who are struggling to maintain their sanity through it all.

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 do our part to grow the Order!

Vivat Jesus!



The Reverend Jeffrey V. Romans
State Chaplain

State Secretary Message

Per Capita

Local Council per capita invoices for the 2020-2021 Fraternal Year were sent by mail in early June. Most councils have already paid in full. If your council did not receive its per capita invoice, please contact me and I will send a replacement. The annual state council per capita assessment is what allows the State Council to conduct programs and pay its expenses. Under the Laws of the Order, State Council per capita assessments do not require a vote to approve.

Lockton Affinity Insurance

Premium invoices for councils that already had policies, or who applied for policies this year, have been sent by email. The cost per member has stayed the same, but your invoice is likely higher than last year because it covers a 14 month period rather than 12 month. Lockton is switching to a December 1 renewal date. Payment is due October 1. All councils should have 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 we know of. Lockton provides broader coverage with lower premiums than any other company. If you need a policy or have questions, contact the State Advocate or me and we will assist you.

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

State Advocate Message

Form 365 was Due August 1st.

What does this mean for your Council? It means that the Safe Environment e-mails have gone out for those members on the Form 365 that may need to become or re-certify that they are Safe Environment compliant and/or have the background check completed. Grand Knight, Program Director, Family Director, Community Director all have to undergo Safe Environment Training. A common mistake is listing the same member for more than one position. The Program, Family and Community Directors must all be different members. Family and Community Director also have to have the Background Check. Keep an eye out for those emails too. They are time sensitive and if not handled will result in members being removed from the Form 365. For more information go to www.kofc.org/safe.

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 Bill Macnamara 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 Bill Macnamara at state.advocate@ctstatecouncil.org.

“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.