



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER



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Two Month Calendar

Date/Time	Event/Program	Place/Location
Oct. 31, Sat.	Beatification Mass for Fr. McGivney	St. Joseph's, Hartford
Nov. 7, Sat.	Star Council Awards	New Britain Stadium
(The above two events are by invitation only)		

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**

State Deputy Message

What a month we have ahead of us, what a month to be a Knight of Columbus!

You are aware that October is the month of the Rosary and we started the month with our annual Living Rosary at Lourdes in Litchfield. At the end of the Rosary our State Chaplain led us as we began the Novena for the Cause of Life. What a way to start the month.

On October 8th as the State moves into phase 3, Churches can now be at 50% capacity or 200 people doubling the amount of people that may return to Mass. This also means that Councils will find it easier to meet and have Exemplifications.

The State Council will be holding their 1st live Exemplification since March in Plainville at Council 3544 on October 8th as well. This will kick off the State Team's tour of CT offering live Exemplifications. The schedule for these Exemplifications will be out soon. Please do not wait for the State Team to put on an Exemplification, your Council can do their own. All you need is a few Members who can read the script and the Candidates to put through the Exemplification. The Members who can read is the easy part, the Candidates to go through will take a little effort, but the State Council is still trying to make that easier. On-line membership is

still free using CTKOFC promo code and I am happy to say we have brought in over 100 members through on-line membership so far this Fraternal Year. Free membership is good news and makes it easier to get members into the Order. Ask that man to join us for free to see what the Knights can offer both him and his family. What we need to work on is when that man joins on-line is to get him into the Council and get him active, as I said we have had over 100 men join on-line and of those 100+ men only around 25% of them have been transferred into a Council even though they identified a Council they want to join. So, there are men on-line and new members that will be joining who will need the Exemplifications to become part of your Council. Schedule your Exemplifications today, if you build it they will come!!

We will end the month with a historic and glorious occasion, our Founder Father McGivney will be Beatified at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford on October 31! Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, this will be an invitation only event and we will not be able to be there but, the Mass will be broadcast on EWTN and will be live streamed. The State Council will be offering events for the weekend of the Beatification and more information will be out soon. I promise that it will be a weekend we will never forget, what a time to be a Knight!

Finally, we have all been watching the news and we can see what is still happening with this pandemic. I urge everyone to follow the rules and wear masks, social distance and stay home if not feeling well, there is no need for anyone else to go through dealing with this virus. Please pray for our President and all of those suffering with or due to this virus, pray for a treatment, pray for a vaccine and pray for an end to the pandemic. Fr. McGivney is waiting to answer our prayers.

Vivat Jesus

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Membership Directors' Message



**Connecticut Catholic Men
Join the Knights of Columbus**

**Free On-line membership
for the first year**

LIMITED TIME OFFER



To join or get more information,
go to kofc.org/joinus

Use promo code **CTKOFC**
for this special promotion

Any questions, contact membership.west@ctstatecouncil.org

*Membership fee normally \$30



**Scan the Code
and Join Today!!**



in person with masks is allowed. Schedule your Exemplifications for your Council and your District. Use the generic landing page (<https://info.kofc.org/>) during your membership drive to sign up prospects that would like further info. Also, bookmark the www.kofc.org/joinus on your phone to create a shortcut or as I like to call it, "The App".

FRATERNAL BENEFITS NIGHT!!

Make use of the upcoming Fraternal Benefits Night online webinar **October 13th at 7pm** to promote your council, make it a recruiting opportunity and share with your parish. Print out both ads and put into your parish bulletin. I will send both out again to all GKs, DDs and FSs.

LIMITED TIME OFFER!!

Free Membership by using the code: CTKOFC

This ad is running on Facebook and new members are signing up. We have used it in posters at the CT Men's Catholic Conference and new members have signed up. Use this ad in your church bulletin and new members will sign up!! This ad will be sent out again to all DDs, GKs and FSs with the suggestion to put it in their Parish bulletin.

First Quarter results for new members has us at the exact same spot as last year. What that means is we are positioned now to go to the next level by having those Membership Drives, Delta Church Drives. Schedule them now. The state of CT is opening up more this October 8th. Meeting inside

Tom Hegna, CLU, ChFC, CASL, is an award-winning author, speaker and economist. He is an industry leader and is considered by many as "The Retirement Income Expert." Tom has presented at over 5,000 seminars, helping seniors and baby boomers build lasting retirement plans.

You're invited to join our webinar where Tom will share his 7 steps to a secure retirement. Register today to reserve your spot.

Sponsored by your Knights of Columbus Ruffo Agency

10/13/2020

Date

7PM

Time

https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/WN_1pFCzrWVSVu-jxnSwez18w

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Columbus**

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The Membership Team- Bill Macnamara and Kevin Glazier

Program Director's Message

The coronavirus pandemic continues to 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.

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.

Living Rosary. Sunday, October 4th at Lourdes of Litchfield 50 Montford Rd, Litchfield, CT. This year we will have the honor of the presence of the **Silver Rose** for the Rosary. The Rosary will begin at 2 pm. Following the Rosary, our State Chaplain Father Romans will begin the **Novena for the Cause of Life**. Through this novena, which features the teachings of Pope Francis on the sanctity of all human life, we can deepen our commitment to the Gospel of Life and support the most vulnerable through prayer. The Novena continues through October 12th. All resources for this initiative can be found online at kofc.org/novena. This will truly be a very spiritual event for all. Please plan to attend. Face Masks are required, and we will follow social distancing guidelines.

Silver Rose. The Silver Rose will be transferred to New York on October 19th in Greenwich at St Mary Church at 10 am. Contact DD George Zocco at 203-288-5493 for additional details.

Family of the Month. For the month of August, the Supreme Office selected the **William Zand** family submitted by Council 39, Greenwich. **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 Scott Laporte at scottlap@yahoo.com.

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 October 26th and the topic will be Leadership. For additional information and to pre-register contact David Imhof at imhofda@aol.com.

Soccer Challenge. In our continuing efforts to adapt to our environment and State pandemic guidelines, we are foregoing the Regional competitions this year. State Finals will be held on October 24th, 2020 at Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, 1151 East Center Street, Wallingford. Registration at 10:30 am. Competition to begin at 11 am. Participants must bring their Council entry form and proof of age. For more information contact Joe Perrelli at izzie153@comcast.net. Face Masks are required and we will follow social distancing guidelines.

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.

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 time to order your kits from Supreme. Details are at our State website. For more information contact James Ciaglo at jwciaglo@frontier.net.

Marian Icon Program. Our three Marian Icons “*Our Lady, Help of Persecuted Christians*” continue their journey through our state. The new Icon introduced at the Supreme Convention “Saint Michael, The Archangel” will be available to us in early 2021. Until we receive the new Icons, we will continue with our present Icons. Contact PSD Joe Murphy at 860-536-1431 for more details.

Coats for Kids. As our day and night temperatures continue to drop in anticipation of the winter season, it is time for us to think of the children in need of a warm winter coat. The Coats for Kids program is one method for Councils to purchase new coats and distribute them to the needy

children in their communities. Information for the Coats for Kids program can be found on the Supreme website.

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.

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.

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 Chaplain's Message

What a beautiful day God gave us on Sunday, October 4th, to gather together in prayer. What a blessing it was to see so many State Officers, District Deputies, Fourth Degree Honor Guard, brother Knights and families come together at the Shrine of Lourdes in Litchfield for the Annual Living Rosary!

We also prayed the Knights of Columbus Novena for the Cause of Life as October 4th was the first day of this Novena and we were privileged to have the Silver Rose among us as we prayed for a greater respect for human life.

This month of October is traditionally known as Respect Life Month. Together as a Catholic people we are called to proclaim that human life, in all its stages, is a precious gift from God. This is so needed now in our times and in our society. We must be the voice for the voiceless, the defender of all life, and we must do our part to protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence. And it should be noted, that our part might not be something drastic but could simply be to be prayer warriors, praying for the protection of life each day in our personal prayers.

How appropriate that in this month we also celebrate (October 7th) the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary! This Memorial, established by Pope Saint Pius V, recalls the rosary and its meditation on the mysteries of Christ and our salvation! Through praying the rosary we meditate on the fact that God so loved the world that He sent His only Son so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. God sent His Son among us as one of us! Emmanuel, God-is-with-us, the Eternal Word took on flesh and was born of the Virgin! By meditating on the mysteries of His life, we cannot help but realize the sanctity of life and the preciousness of each and every life from conception to natural death. Remember when Mary came to visit her cousin Elizabeth, with baby Jesus in her womb, the infant in Elizabeth's womb (John the Baptist) leaped for joy! This prompted Elizabeth to say to Mary "Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

As we celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary, and we find ourselves in this Respect Life Month, let us do our part to build up a Culture of Life! Knights MUST be leaders of our communities in the spiritual fight for this mission! I encourage all Knights in our State to come together, where possible in-person but also on the social media tools of today, to pray together and promote the protection of life! Prayer is the foundation, or should be, of everything we do in defense of human life. Here are some things you can do in this regard:

1. Pray the Holy Rosary
2. Pray the Knights of Columbus Novena for the Cause of Life
3. Pray the Prayer for the Canonization of Father Michael J. McGivney for the intention of building a Culture of Life
4. Pray and Participate in the 40days for Life Campaign going on now
5. Support financially the Ultrasound Program with the State Council

6. Visit <https://www.usccb.org/prayforlife> or <https://www.kofc.org/en/what-we-do/faith-in-action-programs/resources> for more resources to help you and your family do your part in building a Culture of Life

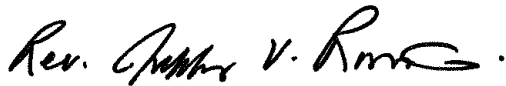
We each have a role to play! So let's commit to ours today!

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. Continue to pray for those infected by the Coronavirus, 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

Following is a list of local councils that still owe per capita. Councils received their per capita invoices in June. Per Capita payments are mandatory and do not need to be approved by a vote of the council. If your council needs to have its invoice re-sent, please contact me. Per capita is the state council's main source of income and provides the funds needed to run state council programs and events. When councils are late in paying, it affects the state council's ability to function.

I can be reached at state.secretary@ctstatecouncil.org or 860-878-0158.

COUNCILS WITH OUTSTANDING STATE PER CAPITA INVOICES AS OF OCTOBER 5, 2020:

C-00003	FOREST CITY COUNCIL 3	MIDDLETOWN
C-00009	ST. FRANCIS DE SALES COUNCIL 9	BRISTOL
C-00011	THE HARTFORD COUNCIL 11	HARTFORD
C-00014	SAN JOSE COUNCIL 14	WILLIMANTIC
C-00020	REVEREND M ERNEST WILSON COUNCIL 20	FARMINGTON

C-00023	VALLEY COUNCIL 23	ANSONIA
C-00030	LOYAL COUNCIL 30	DANBURY
C-00031	HON REV THOMAS F GAFFNEY COUNCIL 31	BERLIN
C-00032	UNCAS COUNCIL 32	UNIONVILLE
C-00034	PONEHAM COUNCIL 34	TAFTVILLE
C-00035	PALOS COUNCIL 35	BRISTOL
C-00037	UNITY COUNCIL 37	TORRINGTON
C-00039	ORINOCO COUNCIL 39	GREENWICH
C-00048	PAVIA COUNCIL 48	BETHEL
C-00053	AURORA COUNCIL 53	SEYMOUR
C-00065	RUSSELL COUNCIL 65	MILFORD
C-01140	NEW HARTFORD COUNCIL 1140	NEW HARTFORD
C-02087	ST BERNARD COUNCIL 2087	N GROSVENORDL
C-02758	BISHOP JOHN J NILAN COUNCIL 2758	SIMSBURY
C-02883	ST JAMES COUNCIL 2883	DANIELSON
C-03037	FATHER KUSTER COUNCIL 3037	CHESTER
C-03544	REV GERALD T CORRIGAN COUNCIL 3544	PLAINVILLE
C-03594	ST PIUS COUNCIL 3594	WATERTOWN
C-03901	RV J C MARTIN COUNCIL 3901	EAST HARTFORD
C-04122	OUR LADY OF FATIMA COUNCIL 4122	VERNON
C-04203	IGNATIAN COUNCIL 4203	FAIRFIELD
C-04303	ALL SAINTS COUNCIL 4303	SOMERS
C-04310	REV FRANCIS P NOLAN COUNCIL 4310	BLOOMFIELD
C-04314	IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY COUNCIL 4314	GROTON
C-04531	ST CATHERINE COUNCIL 4531	EAST WINDSOR
C-06119	ST ANNE COUNCIL 6119	WEST HARTFORD
C-06190	BELLTOWN COUNCIL 6190	EAST HAMPTON
C-06281	SUFFIELD COUNCIL 6281	SUFFIELD
C-06305	GHANAIAN CATHOLIC MINISTRY 6305	EAST HARTFORD
C-06723	WOODBURY COUNCIL 6723	WOODBURY
C-07124	REV CHARLES KAVANAUGH COUNCIL 7124	HAMDEN
C-07738	ST MARKS COUNCIL 7738	WESTBROOK
C-08011	SAINT JUSTINS COUNCIL 8011	HARTFORD
C-08351	TERENCE CARDINAL COOKE COUNCIL 8351	NEW LONDON (USCG)
C-08372	JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL 8372	NEW HAVEN
C-09251	SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY COUNCIL 9251	FAIRFIELD

C-09505	ST LUKE COUNCIL 9505	ELLINGTON
C-10454	MARY OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION 10454	DAYVILLE
C-10859	ST MARYS 10859	NORWICH
C-10865	ARCHBISHOP JOHN F WHELON 10865	WEST HARTFORD
C-11077	OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION COUNCIL 11077	FAIRFIELD
C-11405	CATHEDRAL OF ST JOSEPH CNCL 11405	HARTFORD
C-11436	HOLY FAMILY COUNCIL 11436	FAIRFIELD
C-11490	SAINT THOMAS MORE COUNCIL 11490	NORTH STONINGTON
C-11513	ST MAXIMILAN KOLBE COUNCIL 11513	BRIDGEPORT
C-12032	SAN JUAN BAUTISTA COUNCIL 12032	WATERBURY
C-12289	NOTRE DAME COUNCIL 12289	DURHAM
C-12615	REV MSGR PATRICK J MCGIVNEY COUNCIL 12615	BRIDGEPORT
C-12698	OUR LADY OF FATIMA 12698	WILTON
C-12705	MONSIGNOR WILLIAM BALDWIN COUNCIL 12705	NORWICH
C-13063	ST STEPHEN COUNCIL 13063	TRUMBULL
C-14014	MSGR JOSEPH FITZGERALD CNCL 14014	SHELTON
C-14017	POPE JOHN PAUL II COUNCIL 14017	MIDDLETOWN
C-14048	ST JUAN DIEGO COUNCIL 14048	WALLINGFORD
C-14198	NUESTRA SENORA DE GUADALUPE COUNCIL 14198	NEW HAVEN
C-14272	FATHER PETER PINTO COUNCIL 14272	WEST HAVEN
C-14277	QUINNIPIAC UNIVERSITY COUNCIL 14277	HAMDEN
C-14450	SAINT JOSEPH COUNCIL 14450	BRISTOL
C-14552	SANTA ROSA COUNCIL 14552	MERIDEN
C-14849	QUEEN OF ALL NATIONS COUNCIL 14849	STAMFORD
C-15461	ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST COUNCIL 15461	STAMFORD
C-15734	ST JOHN FISHER COUNCIL 15734	MARLBOROUGH
C-16010	SAINT MARY STAR OF THE SEA COUNCIL 16010	NEW LONDON
C-16295	ST SHARBEL COUNCIL 16295	TORRINGTON
C-16858	UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD COUNCIL 16858	WEST HARTFORD

Fraternally,

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State Treasurer Message

The State Council is still missing reports from the following Councils:

Form 185s still outstanding

District 2 – 53

District 7 – 3, 12289, 14017

District 8 – 4, 3901, 11405

District 9 – 15991

District 20 – 2616

District 23 – 2087

District 27 – 125, 8903

District 28 – 31, 13862

District 29 – 34, 12705

District 30 – 2968

District 32 – 37

Form 365s still outstanding

District 1 – 10705, 16253

District 2 – 53, 14198

District 3 – 18, 1090, 3961, 3992

District 4 – 3300

District 5 – 3605, 6801, 14326

District 6 – 12698

District 7 – 2, 3, 12289, 14017

District 8 – 4, 3901, 6305, 11405

District 9 – 15991

District 10 – 3037, 9358, 10657

District 11 – 40

District 12 – 4122

District 13 – 10865

District 16 – 22

District 17 – 8

District 19 – 2287

District 20 – 28, 11436, 14014
District 23 – 49, 2087, 2336
District 25 – 32, 35, 4376
District 26 – 1395, 6199
District 27 – 125, 1943, 8903
District 28 – 31, 8011, 13862
District 29 – 34, 2364, 12705
District 30 – 2968, 7738
District 31 – 25
District 32 – 37

State Directory Council Forms still outstanding

District 1 – 65, 8882
District 2 – 53, 8372, 14198
District 4 – 10, 5780
District 5 – 3605, 10477, 14326
District 6 – 12698

State Advocate Message

Non-Compliance for Safe Environment!!

- As of October 5, 2020:
 - 21 Councils are non-compliant
- 5 Councils listed more than one person as either the Program, Family or Community Director. Please remember that the Program, Family and the Community Director **MUST BE A DIFFERENT PERSON!!**
 - 22 Councils are pending at this time.

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.

“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.