

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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Two Month Calendar

Date/Time	Event/Program	Place/Location
Dec. 5, Sat.	DD Seminar	(Virtual)

Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

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

State Deputy's Message

What an inspirational weekend we had from 10/30-11/1. Everywhere we turned we saw the good news being spread about our Founder and our Order. Our Founder is now Blessed!!!

Our Order has been doing great works for over 100 years and sadly it takes a momentous event like the Beatification for anyone to notice. I know we don't do this work for credit but because it is needed. What we need to do is make sure we keep what we do in the forefront of people's minds. There is much to be done especially going into the Christmas season, people are in need and we are the people who help those people in need.

We also need help to do the work that needs to be done. That help comes in the form of new members...the Beatification has renewed interest in our Order and the work we do, we need to make ourselves available to accept these men into our Order. Free on-line membership will continue until the end of the year when they sign up with the code McGivney2020. You and your Council can take advantage of free on-line membership and grow your Council and have more men join you to help you do the work that your Council does on behalf of the Order and the Church.

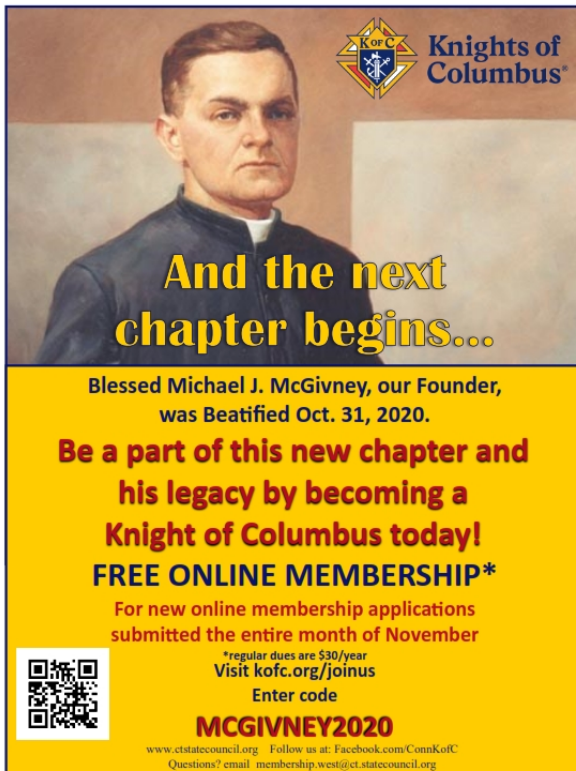
I ask that you all remain safe and take all precautions to avoid the virus, help those people and families that have come in contact with the virus and continue to pray for an end to this pandemic.


Finally, as I write this it is the day before the election, and it will be published after the election. We do not know who will be elected but what I do know is that no matter who is elected we the Knights of Columbus will continue to conduct ourselves as Catholic gentlemen and we will continue demonstrate our Love for our Country.

Vivat Jesus

Gary McKeone
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Membership Directors' Message



 **Knights of Columbus**

And the next chapter begins...

Blessed Michael J. McGivney, our Founder, was Beatified Oct. 31, 2020.

Be a part of this new chapter and his legacy by becoming a Knight of Columbus today!

FREE ONLINE MEMBERSHIP*

For new online membership applications submitted the entire month of November

*regular dues are \$30/year
Visit kofc.org/joinus
Enter code

MCGIVNEY2020

www.ctstatecouncil.org Follow us at: Facebook.com/ConnKofC
Questions? email membership.west@ct.statecouncil.org

LIMITED TIME OFFER!!

Free Membership by using the code: MCGIVNEY2020 GOOD UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2020

This ad is running on Facebook and Instagram. New members are signing up. CT is now 18th overall in new members and growing. This current ad will be sent out again to all DDs, GKs and FSs with the suggestion to put it in their Parish bulletin.

Blessed Michael McGivney Festival



At the Festival weekend we signed up 7 new members and Exemplified them on Sunday. The ceremony well attended at St. Mary's Church in New Haven. It is possible to sign up new members. All we had to do was ask and use our phones to sign them up.

Use the "Give the Gift of Membership this Season" for December Ads in your Council and or District.

Meeting inside 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".

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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.

Blessed Michael McGivney. As we continue to pray for our beloved founder's elevation to sainthood, the **Father Michael McGivney Guild** serves as a source for information about the life, works and spirituality of Blessed 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 Blessed McGivney's cause for canonization and are invited to participate in promoting devotion to this Servant of God.

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.

Family of the Month. For the month of September, the Supreme Office selected the **Mark Popolizio** family submitted by Council 5, Wallingford. **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. 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 November 23rd and the topic will be Fatherhood. For additional information and to pre-register contact David Imhof at imhofda@aol.com.

Soccer Challenge. Our State Finals were held on October 24th, 2020 at Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, Wallingford. A thank you to St Edward the Confessor Council #12968, New Fairfield and Pinta Council #5, Wallingford for providing participants for this year's event. A special thank you to Chairman Joe Perrelli and his team of volunteers from Pinta Council 5 and all volunteers. Although there was limited participation, the enthusiasm and competitiveness were present. Congratulations to our winners. Their names will be posted to our State website soon.

Food for Families. As our state continues to struggle during this pandemic, many remain unemployed. 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 November. 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. The 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.

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. Additional information can be found on the Supreme website.

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

I hope you joined with us in the days leading up to the Beatification of our Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney, in praying the Novena provided by the Supreme Council. I was really moved by the prayers and, in particular, the intercessions or intentions of the prayers. It can be found on www.kofc.org by searching for Novena.

During this Novena, we prayed for the church, for families, for the Knights, for family life, for marriages, for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, for those neglected and needy, for religious freedom, for holiness, and for our loved ones who have died. Each day we reflected on

the extraordinary way in which our Founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, lived out his ordinary life. He was a simple everyday parish priest through and through. At the Prayer Service for Priests, on the Friday before his Beatification, I was struck by the constant theme in the reflections offered, in particular, how our Founder was a regular, ordinary, dedicated parish priest. But what set him apart from others, perhaps, was his ability to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ in practical everyday life situations and to do so without ever tiring of responding to the needs of his parishioners.

The celebrations surrounding the Beatification were extremely meaningful and spiritual, and I pray, a great call for each of us to recognize the potential is within us too to become Saints with God's help and grace. We too can live our ordinary lives seeking to live out the Gospel in extraordinary ways. We pray for the intercession of our Founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney pray for us!


This month of November is also known as a month of Remembrance. Let us remember our beloved dead with great affection and prayer this month. I am excited to share with you that the Vatican offers a full indulgence each day to the faithful for the Souls in Purgatory from November 1 to November 8 when you visit a cemetery to pray for the departed and fulfill the other conditions. These other conditions include recite the Lord's Prayer, have a spirit detached from sin, go to confession as soon as possible, receive the Eucharist as soon as possible, pray for the Pope's intentions, and be united spiritually with all the faithful. This year, due to the Pandemic and at the request of many bishops throughout the world, the Vatican has extended this throughout the whole month of November. Further, the Vatican also added that those who cannot leave their homes or residence for "serious reasons," which includes government restrictions during a pandemic also can receive a plenary indulgence after reciting specific prayers for the deceased or reflecting on a Gospel reading designated for Masses of the Dead before an image of Jesus or the Blessed Virgin Mary in their home, or by performing a work of mercy.

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!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rev. Jeffrey V. Romans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "R" at the end.

The Reverend Jeffrey V. Romans
State Chaplain

State Secretary Message

I want to thank all of the Knights who volunteered at the McGivney Beatification Festival at St. Mary's Church. We had tremendous turnout on short notice. Although there were many volunteers from St. Mary's parish, the event could not have happened without the strong effort of our Connecticut Knights. Especially during the overnight shifts, there were many hours when it was just Knights as volunteers, along with the continual Honor Guard. It was a memorable event. I am sure that there were many Knights throughout the world watching on the TV or internet who wished that they could have been there. I am glad that we were able to show what we can do, even under difficult circumstances.

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 the 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 NOVEMBER 6, 2020:

C-00003	FOREST CITY COUNCIL 3	MIDDLETOWN
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-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-03037	FATHER KUSTER COUNCIL 3037	CHESTER
C-03594	ST PIUS COUNCIL 3594	WATERTOWN
C-03901	RV J C MARTIN COUNCIL 3901	EAST HARTFORD
C-04096	ST FRANCIS CABRINI COUNCIL 4096	BRIDGEPORT
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-06199	ST MAURICE COUNCIL 6199	BOLTON
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-12032	SAN JUAN BAUTISTA COUNCIL 12032	WATERBURY
C-12615	REV MSGR PATRICK J MCGIVNEY COUNCIL 12615	BRIDGEPORT
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-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
C-17166	SAINT FRANCIS COUNCIL 17166	WESTON

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Matthew C. McGrath

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State Treasurer Message

Form 185s still outstanding

District 2 – 53
District 7 – 3, 14017
District 8 – 4, 11405
District 9 – 15991
District 20 – 2616
District 23 – 2087
District 27 – 125
District 28 – 13862
District 29 – 34, 12705

Form 365s still outstanding

District 1 – 10705, 16253
District 2 – 53, 14198
District 3 – 3961, 3992
District 5 – 6801, 14326
District 6 – 12698
District 7 – 2, 3, 12289, 14017
District 8 – 4, 3901, 6305, 11405
District 9 – 15991
District 10 – 3037, 9358
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
District 28 – 31, 8011, 13862
District 29 – 34, 2364, 12705
District 30 – 2968, 7738
District 31 – 25

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
District 7 – 2, 3, 12289, 14017
District 8 – 4, 3901, 11405
District 9 – 15991
District 10 – 3037, 9358, 10657
District 11 – 40, 48
District 12 – 4303
District 13 – 23, 10865
District 14 – 42, 13424
District 15 – 26
District 16 – 1520
District 17 – 47, 15870, 16347
District 19 – 30
District 20 – 28, 2616, 11436
District 23 – 49, 64, 2087, 2336
District 24 – 11010
District 27 – 43, 125, 4314, 8903
District 28 – 31, 3600, 3884, 8011, 13862
District 29 – 13, 34, 12705
District 30 – 2968, 7738
District 31 – 25, 3544
District 33 – 1253

State Advocate Message

Non-Compliance for Safe Environment!!

- As of November 5, 2020:
 - 37 Councils are non-compliant
- 0 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!!**
 - 24 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 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.