



CONNECTICUT STATE DEPUTY MONTHLY MESSENGER

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Two Month Calendar

Date/Time	Event/Program	Place/Location
Jan. 8, Sat. 9:30AM-2PM	FS/FC Seminar/Training	Pilgrimage Ctr, N H
Jan. 16, Sun. 10AM	Pro-Life Mass	St. Mary's, New Haven
Jan. 22, Sat. 9:30AM-2PM	FS/FC Seminar/Training	Pilgrimage Ctr, N H

Future Events to Mark on Your Calendar

Mar. 27 Sun. 4PM	Blessed Fr. McGivney Banquet	Plantsville-Aqua Turf Club
Apr. 10, Sun 2PM	Stations of the Cross	St. Margaret Shrine, Bpt.

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

Program Director's Message

Covid Recovery Plan. What Programs can you run to help your councils and re-engage members? A few examples are: **Faith:** Holy Hour & Pilgrim Icon; **Family:** Family of the Month & Food for Families; **Community:** Global Wheelchair Mission & Coats for Kids; **Life:** March for Life & Novena for Life. Our Program Team Directors and Chairmen can assist you with any and all of these Programs, contact them!!

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 Father McGivney. The Guild distributes informational materials, 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. As of October 1st, there were 3643 Guild members in Connecticut. With over 23,000 Knights of Columbus in Connecticut, there should be at least 23,000 members of the **Father Michael McGivney Guild**. *Are you a member?*

It only takes 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. If

you have any questions, contact Scott Flood, PSD, at scottflood@att.com.

Family of the Month. For the month of October 2021, the Supreme Office selected the **Fred Tanguay** 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.

The Family of the Month is a **Featured Program**. Councils participating can earn two credits towards the Columbian Award. Please consider participating in this worthwhile program. **Questions?** contact Steven Bacon, PSD, at bac801@sbcglobal.net.

Food for Families. As our state emerges from the 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 to feed their families. Questions, contact Thomas Stauffer, DD, at tpstauffer@aol.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 one-hour sessions on the 4th Monday of each month at 8 pm. Preregistration is required as an email invitation is required to attend. The next session is on December 27th and the topic will be Family. For more information, contact David Imhof, DD, at imhofda@aol.com.

Basketball Free Throw Competition. The State Finals will be held on February 19, 2022 at St Paul Catholic High School, Bristol. It is not too early to begin scheduling your Council competitions and speak to your District Deputy as to when he will conduct his District Competitions. For more information regarding this Youth activity, contact our Chairman Jim Wilson, DD, at lark72power@yahoo.com.

McGivney Relic Pilgrimage Tour. This is a new program being offered by the State Council this year. Your District Deputy will have all the information needed to schedule and run this event. The State Council will arrange for a Blessed Michael McGivney Relic to be brought to your Council's event at the Parish you serve. A McGivney Votive Mass is strongly encouraged to take place when hosting a Blessed McGivney Relic. You can find information on how to run a McGivney Votive Mass at kofo.org/mcgivney. Supreme has sent this information to all the Council Chaplains. The Relic Pilgrimage and Mass are open to the Parish and public. It is suggested the Council serve refreshments and display information about the Knights of Columbus, your Council and the McGivney Guild at the event. There is no deadline for the event or limit to how many times a Council can host the event. The schedule for the McGivney Relic Pilgrimage is being compiled and it is first come, first served. Our goal is to visit each District this Fraternal Year, so reach out to your District Deputy and have him add you're Council to the schedule. For more information contact Gary McKeone, PSD, at

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immediate.psd@ctstatecouncil.org.

Blessed Michael McGivney Prayer Hour. This Program is centered on the Rosary, with reflections based on the life of Blessed Michael McGivney and the writings of recent popes. It is our hope that this resource will help Knights across the world continue to grow in their devotion to Mary our Mother and closer to our Blessed Founder. This is an easy program to plan and host. Like all Faith in Action programs, this program is designed to be held in person or remotely. All support information can be found on the Supreme website.

Pilgrim Icon Program. The “**Saint Joseph Icon**” will be available for its journey through Connecticut beginning in **January 2022**. The District Deputies will have the Icons for **two** months to provide each Council in the district an Icon for a least a week. Contact Joe Murphy, PSD, at 860-536-1431 for more details.

Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. The Knights of Columbus Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest is open to all Catholic students in public and parochial schools in grades 8 through 12. Students write an essay of 500 to 750 words on the following topic: “Discuss how trusting in God during a difficult time has helped you or someone you know find the strength and hope to endure it.” Contests are sponsored by local Councils. There are 2 judging categories: Division 1: 8th and 9th graders, Division 2: 10th through 12th graders. First place winners in each category are then submitted to the State Council for statewide judging. Check with your local K of C Council for their deadline to submit essays. First through third place winners at the state level in each category receive a cash award. For more information visit: ctstatecouncil.org and under Programs, click on Youth Activities, Catholic Citizenship Essay Contest. For more information contact James Ciaglo, FDD, at jwciaglo@frontier.com.

Rev. Donald J. Barry Scholarship. The Connecticut State Council awards five \$1,000.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who will be attending a four-year college or university and enrolled in a program leading to a Bachelor’s Degree. Applicants must be the son or daughter of a member in good standing or the son or daughter of a deceased member who was in good standing at the time of death. Application deadline is February 15. Application and Rules of Eligibility can be obtained on the State Council website (ctstatecouncil.org) under Programs, Youth Activities, Rev. Donald J. Barry Scholarship. For more information contact James Ciaglo, FDD, at jwciaglo@frontier.com.

Refund Support Vocation Program (RSVP). This is a great way for your council to support and nurture the future of our Faith in our communities. Support our seminarians during their formation through prayer, fraternity and financial. Donate \$500 to a seminarian of your choice, pray for them and write to them. Submit Form 2863 to Supreme and the State Council. Councils receive a refund of \$100 from Supreme and \$75 from State. For more information contact Steve Bacon, PSD, at bac801@sbcglobal.net.

Columbian Award - Form SP7. The requirements for the 2021-2022 fraternal year is the standard 16 Program Credits. Four (4) Credits are required in each of the categories - Faith, Family, Community and Life for a total of sixteen (16) credits. Featured Programs when conducted in accordance with the requirements provide for **two (2)** credits. Additional

information can be found on the Supreme website or from the specific Program Chairman listed on our State Website. Entries must be received by the **Supreme Office** prior to **June 30th, 2022**.

Faith in Action 2020-2021 Program Incentive. The details and requirements are available on the State website or from your District Deputy. All entries must be received via USPS mail by the **State Program Director** prior to **June 30th, 2021**.

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 State's 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, FDD, 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 our Program Director: Ted Pacanowski at 203-376-7050 or program.director@ctstatecouncil.org.

State Deputy's Message

Brother Knights:

I hope that you, your families, your councils and your parishes all have a very **Blessed and Merry Christmas**. All Councils should be assisting their pastors and parishes in the busy days of Advent, Christmas and the Epiphany.

A few items to mention as we finish out the year strong:

1. THE MID-YEAR MEETING OF DISTRICT DEPUTIES went very well. There was a lot of enthusiasm and confidence. As always, District Deputies, State Officers and state staff are available to help you. Do not hesitate to ask for help. We are all in this together.

Fr. Romans presented us with some statistics about the state of the Church in the US. This is a wakeup call. The Church, with Knights leading the way can stop this decline in Church participation and renew the Church. The numbers show that this is no longer something we can pass off to the clergy and religious. The time is NOW for us to lead in faith. We can do this. We must do this! We can help evangelize the world around us. Pope Saint John Paul called us to "Duc in altum." "Go out into the deep." That is OUR mission, that is OUR call. Men like us

answered this call in the past. Now it is our turn.

2. MEMBERSHIP. Overall, Connecticut is having a good year for membership. There are so many men in our state who would benefit from membership in the Order, but only about 5% of Catholic men in Connecticut are Knights. It is our job to reach out to them. Supreme set a goal for us to attain by December 31. As of this moment, we are about 40 members short, and we have 16 days to bring them in. This goal is attainable if everyone does their part.

Remember that we have an incentive program. Successful District Deputies and recruiters can win K of C gear.

Remember, we are not asking men to join just to hit numbers. We ask men to join because the Order gives them an opportunity to live a better life, to be better men, better family men, and better Christians. We have a duty to offer this to every Catholic man, to help our councils fulfill their mission, and to help the Church.

3. RAFFLE. The DDs received raffle tickets at the meeting. Distribute these to your councils and explain how they can use this as a council fundraiser. Raffle Chairman & DD Phil Mazzatti can provide more information, and more raffle tickets.

4. DEC. 18. EXEMPLIFICATION AT BL. BLESSED MCGIVNEY PILGRIMAGE CENTER. This coming Saturday new members, e-members and First Degree members have the opportunity to participate in the Exemplification of Charity, Unity and Fraternity in a unique setting at the Pilgrimage Center. Registration starts at 10:00 am and the ceremony will start at 10:30 am. The Christmas Exhibit is now in place and it is spectacular. Attend the Exemplification, tour the Pilgrimage Center and get something to eat at one of the great restaurants nearby.

5. JAN. REGIONAL MEETINGS WITH RGD KEN LATHAM. During the week of January 17 - 20 we will again hold meetings around the state with our Regional Growth Director Ken Latham. Details will be released in the next few days. These are opportunities for DDs, GKs and other local council leaders to get information on the Order, especially recent changes and developments.

6. JAN. 8 & 22. FINANCIAL SECRETARY TRAINING AT BL. MCGIVNEY PILGRIMAGE CENTER. PSD Bob Goossens will resume his FS training sessions at the Bl. McGivney Pilgrimage Center on Saturday, January 8 and also the 22nd. New FSs as well as old timers can benefit from this training. Bob handles fraternal technology matters at Supreme, so he is literally the most knowledgeable person in the world when it comes to Member Management and related issues. This is another great benefit to being a Knight in Connecticut. Encourage all of your FSs to attend this session and attend it yourself if possible. I always learn something when I attend. The same training applies to Faithful Comptrollers, so encourage them to attend as well.

7. JAN. 15. FOURTH DEGREE EXEMPLIFICATION IN NORWICH. District Master Kevin Donovan and his team will hold a Fourth Degree Exemplification on January 15 at St.

Patrick's Cathedral in Norwich. This is a great opportunity for knights, councils and assemblies in the Diocese of Norwich. Recruit a new Knight by December 31 and have him attend a Fourth Degree Exemplification in a beautiful cathedral. The Fourth Degree District (<https://www.kofcctdistrict.org/>) will provide more information on this.

8. JAN. 16. 10:00 AM PRO LIFE MASS AT SAINT MARY IN NEW HAVEN. Bishop Cote will be the main celebrant. There will be a Baby Shower collection as well. This is our major annual statewide Pro Life event. Holding it at the Birthplace of the Order and resting place of our Founder makes it even more special.

9. INTO THE BREACH PROGRAMS - VIRTUAL. State Faith Director & DD Dave Imhof and his team are conducting several virtual Into the Breach programs. There will be a virtual Day of Reflection on Saturday, January 29 from 9 am to 3 pm, and mini retreats conducted the 4th Monday of each month at 7 pm. Every council should participate in an Into the Breach program, either through the virtual ones or live at the parish. If a council wants to see how to do it, log into one of these online ones.

That is all for now. Thank you for all that you do

Vivat Jesus!

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“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.