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A message from your State Deputy-Mike Baldner

My Brother Knights We are fast approaching the most blessed occasion of our Lord's birth. The season inspires each of us with feelings of gratitude and places us in a charitable spirit.

We started this Fraternal Year with words from our Supreme Knight that he was extending the period of "The Year of the Volunteer" into this year and that he further portrayed this time as a period when we shall all become more charitable and left us with this motto **"I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER"**.

At my most recent State Deputy Conference in Baltimore the Supreme Knight reached out even further when he explained that charity is the basis of a good catholic life and exhorted the State Deputies to return to our jurisdictions and work with the Knights from our states to more boldly proclaim our ability to be a good knight with being a good Catholic who strives to achieve to be more charitable. At the June Leadership Conference I asked each council to attempt to accomplish one more Charitable program and asked each brother Knight to try to find a way to give one or two more hours to Charity. Your State Officer's sat down and attempted to put together various programs to assist the councils in this endeavor.

The State officers wife took this to heart and asked that the councils help an Organization, which we started working with last year under the auspices of then State Deputy Bill Donovan, My Brother's Keeper. I am happy to say that this was an unqualified success with many toys being delivered to My Brother's Keeper. Although Christmas is almost upon us there is still time to donate either cash or a gift. At the State Christmas Party for the District Deputies and the various Membership and Program Chairman and their committeemen, the celebrators were given empty shopping bags and were asked to return to their councils and ask each Council to provide at a minimum one shopping bag filled with groceries for the local food pantries throughout the State. The District Deputies need to deliver these bags to the Mid Winter Leadership Conference. This effort is part of a Supreme program called "Food for Families" which we participated in last year. In the Boston archdiocese this is also part of a Catholic Charities Drive to help families in need. I know and I realize that every council in this State already does much work with feeding the poor and assisting food pantries. However there are a few who did some work but not as much as they could. I will hold as an example my own council that ran an amazing successful food collection project at four of our parishes. I know there are a few councils that also could do just a little more.

As you are receiving this copy of the Discoverer, The State will be winding down another charitable program, "Wreaths Across America". This program is again a success and many families visiting their loved ones at the Bourne National Cemetery will see the loved ones who gave their lives for our freedom have a wreath placed on their grave. As Knights we have a no more ennobling cause nor more charitable than to respect and honor our veterans. I wish to thank all the Knights, Councils and Assemblies that have made this a success. This success has allowed the State Council to develop a fund, which will reach out to support our veterans who are alive but are in need.

A few weeks ago after I returned home from my leadership conference where there were multiple discussions concerning Supreme's programs to assist the States in setting up charitable programs. I received a phenomenal phone call from Supreme. I was asked if this jurisdiction

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would participate in another Supreme Program, "Coats for Kids". This State is one of twenty-five Cities being provided with 300 Winter Coats. In conference with Supreme, the city of Worcester was picked as the location. I asked State Secretary Peter Healy and those District Deputies who have Worcester Councils to be part of this program. A date in early January is being picked for distribution. If necessary through donations and matching State Funds we will increase the number of coats. This is a program I would like to see and believe we are capable of growing. If groups of Councils in other parts of the State wish to participate, please contact me. The time period is exceptionally short and planning is essential.

I will tell you that your State Officers truly believe that charitable works are the building blocks to making each council strong in their parish and in their community. We will continue to provide programs and we are open to all suggestions as to how councils believe we can help them develop programs that are based in Charity.

As I end this December version of the Discoverer, Kathy and I ask that you all have a Blessed and Glorious Christmas Season filled with love and charitable works. Fraternally

Mike

Midwinter "Friends Feeding Families" Project All attendees at the Midwinter Leadership Conference at Crown Plaza in Danvers on January 8th are asked to bring a bag of food for Catholic Charities "Friends Feeding Families" project in which the Mass K of C is a partner. Please donate a bag of food!

2010 LANTERN AWARD TO AIR FORCE CHAPLAIN

The Knights of Columbus for the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts proudly will bestow its highest public honor, THE 2011 LANTERN AWARD upon **Boston Chaplain LtCol Timothy A. Butler Deployed 6 times; supporting many Strategic Operations.** Monday April 18th at the Sheraton Framingham Hotel, 1657 Worcester Road, Framingham. Tickets are \$40 each or \$400 per table. Plan on attending!!

State Convention 2011

THE ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION BEING HELD AT THE RESORT & CONFERENCE CENTER AT HYANNIS ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 13-15. PACKAGE PLAN INCLUDES 2 NIGHT STAY, WELCOMING HORS D'OUVERES RECEPTION FOR \$363.50 PER COUPLE, AND SAT. EVENING DINNER -FORM IN MONTHLY MAILING PACKET.

Ultrasound Project

2 Ultrasounds have been purchased by the Supreme and Mass. State Council—I in Worcester @ Problem Pregnancy and just added 1 @ Boston Pro-Life Center at Brighton Marine Health Center. At Worcester, 244 Women were pregnant and 135 'at risk' women (wanted an abortion). Of these 135—41% changed their minds and 59% had an abortion. Numbers are still high but the ultrasound project is saving lives.

State Raffle Tickets

All State Raffle Tickets should be in your Grand Knights hands (If not ask your District Deputy??) Please send Raffle Tickets out to your Council Members. Remember, \$5.00 of every sold book remains with the Council for their discretionary use. Also, Don't forget that State Convention Delegates voted a \$1 per member assessment on all councils not participating in the State Raffle.

SD Friendship Dinner

Honoring State Deputy Mike & Kathy Baldner

Saturday January 29th

Holiday Inn 265 Lakeside Ave Marlboro

Tickets \$40 each / \$75 per couple.

Mass @ 5PM Cocktails @ 6PM Dinner @ 7PM

St. John's Seminary Award

On Saturday December 4th, Bishop Arthur Kennedy conferred the Archbishop John J. Williams Award for significant service to the seminary to the **Knights of Columbus**. "This remarkable organization accomplishes many wonderful works, and their persistent support for Saint John's Seminary and our seminarians are shining examples of their tireless efforts on behalf of the Church." were the words describing our dedication to these Seminarians. Supreme Advocate John Marrella and State Deputy Michael Baldner accepted for the Knights of Columbus. **Congratulations to all for our hard working dedication to our future priests.**

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Charity Drive

Reminder that the charity drive monies are overdue. If your council has not submitted their check, please do so ASAP. Monies are now needed for charity grants for handicapped children and people with intellectual disabilities.

Thanks for all your hard work on the Charity Fund Drive

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