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Honoring Venerable Servant of God Fr Michael J. McGivney

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A message from your State Deputy-Mike Baldner

My Brother Knights:

Before I outline some future events, please allow me to praise you for your recent accomplishments. You are truly responding to this year's message "I am my Brother's Keeper". The gifts and money cards that were collected by the State Board's wives for the charity "My Brother's Keeper" for Christmas was truly inspiring. The brown bag campaign to collect food for the food banks started at Christmas and the Mid Winter conference surpassed last year's amazing generosity. Also in our campaign to assist Wreaths Across America, you not only provided more wreaths but many more of you came to the service to honor those who died in service to our Country.



I am humbled by your accomplishments and thank both the councils and individual members who have reached out and gave a little more of their self and time.

The forms for reporting the work, money and time devoted to feeding the poor and for the food banks in now due. You have received this report in a recent mailing. To receive a portion of the money that Supreme has made available we need 35% of the Councils to fill out the report. We did a great job of this last year; please help us to make this happen again this year. Supreme has given us a few extra weeks to send in the report on working with Special Olympics. Many councils have coaches or volunteers who work at regional, local and State Games and work as coaches and volunteers with local programs, please make sure you count this towards your goal.

Your outpouring of assistance to Wreaths across America has allowed the State to set up a program to assist our veterans in need. We are looking for a program or group to assist and would like suggestions from you so that the 1st award can be given out at the Lantern Award. Speaking of the Lantern Award, many of you asked if the honoree could have more in common with our theme of Patriotism. Working with Fr Erickson, Vicar of the Boston Archdiocese, I have an honoree who is a military Chaplain from Massachusetts and returning from his 6th deployment overseas. Father Tim Butler is truly a man worthy of your admiration. Along with this same thought, we will again have the Parade of Flags. This allows each council or assembly attending to have a knight from the council march in and present their council American Flag.

This is also the time that each council should be choosing their "sixth man", The Bishop Minihan Award. The paper work and guidelines for the award are in the GK handbook. Pick out the man who goes over and above to assist the council.

For the 1st time we will be awarding a "Chaplain of the Year". This presentation will be given to the priest who most closely follows in the footsteps of our founder Fr. Michael McGivney. Please detail to the State Board why your Chaplain personifies him. (Due Lantern Award.)

We were looking for a family event in the Worcester area. We decided upon a Sharks game at the DCU Center on Sunday afternoon March 13th @ 3PM. This is a great family attraction but the only people who have bought tickets are from Boston. The seats start at the 3rd row off the ice. Please help us out and get on the bandwagon.

The State Convention is on the Cape this year. Some of you saw the resort at last June's Leadership Conference. It is a beautiful resort. A number of men are running for delegate and need your assistance. The ladies luncheon promises to be interesting. We need your help with the Ad book. Remember to get in your raffle tickets and realize we will again have a raffle for those present. This results in an immediate winner for those attending — **Continued On Page 2**



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As I sign off looking forward to a busy next few months, please remember that Charity is our main virtue but that can only be accomplished through a robust membership. Reach out and ask someone to become a member.

Fraternally *Mike*

Free Throw Regionals:			
	Southern Region	Saturday, March 5, 2011	Districts: 40-49 Sacred Heart H S Kingston Register: 9AM Chairman Charles Comeau, FDD Tel: 781 831-2309
	Central Region	Saturday, March 12, 2011	Districts: 10-19 St. Louis School Webster Reg.: 8:00AM Chairman Robert Kubiak Tel: 508 943-2126
	North Region	Saturday, March 12, 2011	Districts: 19-28 Coolidge Middle School Reading Register: 8AM Chairman Steve Brenner, FDD Tel.: 781 570-2130
	Boston Region	Saturday, March 19, 2011	Districts: 30-39 Catholic Memorial HS Boston Register: 8AM Chairman Warren Kennedy FDD Tel: 508-232-0656
	Western Region	Saturday, March 26, 2011	Districts: 1-9 St Thomas Apostle West Springfield Register: 9AM Chairman Bill Huber, DD Tel: 413 323-1123



Sunday March 13th 3PM Worcester Sharks Hockey Team vs Conn. Whale \$20 Ice Level Seats for only \$12 while the limited number of K of C subsidized tickets last. Call State Office (781-551-0628) for tickets

First Degree: Remember that when you bring candidates to a council for a first degree, you must have a first degree kit for each candidate. Sponsoring councils should not be footing the costs of other candidates.



2011 LANTERN AWARD TO BOSTON 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!! Don't forget to bring your council American Flag!!

Annual State Convention 2011

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

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 Raffle.

RESOLUTIONS: COUNCILS ARE REQUESTED TO HAVE ANY RESOLUTIONS FOR THE STATE CONVENTION IN THE STATE OFFICE NLT APRIL 14 (SEC 14 (c) All resolutions, petitions, recommendations and proposed amendments to the State Council by-laws must be submitted in writing thirty days prior to the Annual Meeting to the State Secretary, who shall refer them to the Committee on Resolutions for compliance with Section 14(b).)

Other Calendar Events: April 10th—"All Aboard The ARC" Fundraiser for Mass. ARCs
 April 16th—State Cribbage Tournament—Wilmington
 April 30th - LaSalette Pro-Life Rosary & Mass with Bishop Reilly
 May 1st—Exemplification of the 4th degree @ Holiday Inn Marlborough - Honoree: Fr John Phalen
 June 5th—State Golf Tournament @ Pine Ridge Country Club North Oxford
 June 17th—Annual Past State Officer's Dinner @ Holiday Inn Marlborough

Form #100 Belongs In All of These Places

- Briefcase
- In Your Pocket
- Near Your Phone
- Glove Compartment
- Everywhere You Go!

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER TODAY!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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

E-Mail Information
 The State Office requests that any member or council not receiving e-mails from the State Office kindly send their e-mail information to the state office at State.office@masskofc.org
 if you wish to start receiving this important fraternal service.

PRIESTS, BROTHERS, NUNS. THEY NEED US. WE NEED THEM.

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