



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
MASSACHUSETTS STATE COUNCIL**

**THE BISHOP MINIHAN MEMORIAL AWARD**

- 1) Title of Award: The title of the award shall be "The Bishop Minihan Award." The award shall become effective in 1976 and shall be awarded annually beginning in 1977.
- 2) Award Objective: The award shall be made to a member of the Knights of Columbus of Massachusetts who, by his individual action, has made or is making an outstanding and significant contribution to Charity, Unity and Brotherly Love so eminently exemplified in the life of the late Bishop Jeremiah F. Minihan and expressed in his Episcopal motto "Strength and Gentleness." The contribution made shall be unique and unsung, one that has not received wide recognition or publicity, but rather one made or being made in a quiet, unassuming manner and would not be given wide recognition by his brother Knights if it were not for this award.
- 3) The General Committee: The General Committee shall consist of the Past State Deputies of Massachusetts. Its Chairman shall be the State Deputy. The final decision as to the recipient of the award each year shall be made by the General Committee from among the recommendations made by the Selection Committee or failing to make a selection from among the recommendations, the General Committee shall make a selection from among the other nominations. The General Committee shall determine the form that the award shall take annually. The General Committee shall conduct such inquiry, as it deems appropriate.
- 4) The Selection Committee: The Chairman of the General Committee shall annually appoint a Selection Committee of three from among the members of the General Committee. The first named member of the Selection Committee shall call the first meeting of the committee and shall preside until a Chairman is elected. The Selection Committee shall review the nominations for the award and shall recommend three nominations to the General Committee. Each recommendation shall be listed as "First Choice", "Second Choice" or "Third Choice". The Selection Committee shall conduct such inquiry as it deems appropriate.
- 5) Nominations:
  - A. Nominations shall be received from Councils. Nominations must be received over the signature of the Grand Knight of the Council in which the nominee holds membership. The nomination must have been approved by a majority vote of the members of the council present and voting at a regular meeting for which written notification shall have been sent to all members that a vote on this matter was to be taken. Nominations must be received on forms provided by the State Council.
  - B. Nominations may be initiated by the General Committee of Past State Deputies.
- 6) Annual Notification of Councils of the Award: The State Deputy shall notify each council of the existence of this award annually on or before September 15. He shall include a nomination application with his notification. He shall also cause the award to be publicized at the District Deputy and Grand Knight Conferences and in the State Bulletin.
- 7) Deadline for Receipt of Nominations: All nominations must be sent to the Chairman of the Bishop Minihan Memorial Award Committee, Massachusetts State Council Knights of Columbus, 470 Washington Street, Suite #6 Norwood, MA 02062. **The award applications must be received at State Headquarters by April 15th of each year** with Presentation of Award at the Past State Officers Dinner or State Convention.