

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND SUPPLEMENT



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Grand Commander's Message, January, 2011

We now find ourselves in the throes of winter. I hope that you had a pleasant Christmas and find yourself healthy for the New Year, especially healthy enough for the onslaught of Inspection and Review season. To assist in preparing for your Inspection and Review we will be holding two exemplifications: January 8 at Calvary Commandery in East Providence RI, and February 19 in Haverhill MA. If you haven't had your Inspection yet please avail yourself of the opportunity to view the work, ask any specific questions you may have of the Inspector-Instructor, and earn some bonus points toward your score.

The Red Books are out, and if your Commandery has yet to receive yours please contact your Division Commander or the York Rite Office.

Other upcoming events include the Boston Commandery ski trip. They always welcome Sir Knights from other Commanderies to join them and have a great time each year. For details please contact the Commander, Michael Yarosh at myarosh@gmail.com



Finally, we will be mounting a pilgrimage to Alexandria, VA, for the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service again this year and details will be available at all of the Inspections as well as on our web site. There will be a bus available, but if you wish, you can provide your own transportation and meet us there. This is a great trip, so make plans to attend, you won't regret it.

Courteously and fraternally yours,
Ted Bitomski
Grand Commander

Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery

Friday, April 1, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. \$12.00 per person
At Eureka Temple
81 Sprague Street, Portsmouth, Rhode Island 02871
Full Details in the February Supplement!!

Grand Prelate's Message

The Life of Christ

Having recently celebrated the Birth of our Lord Jesus, let us remember that Jesus was not born on this earth to be God's Son. Jesus has always existed. He was before all things. He was before all creation.

Jesus did not come to earth unannounced. He came in the fullness of time. He was sent by God to encourage our faith in our God. He strengthens our faith by the inspiration of the scriptures and shows us that the bible is but one book, with one author -- God.

The life of Jesus Christ on earth was to go about doing good, and healing those oppressed by the devil. The Lord Jesus left us a perfect example to follow -- that of perfect humility. We are to follow His footsteps. We are to walk as He walked. Jesus came to do God's will, and so should we. Amen!

Follow Jesus, He loves you.

Herb Simpson
Grand Prelate

Knights Templar Eye Foundation — Voluntary Campaign, 2011

Special thanks are due to Metro-North No.20 for the generosity of both the Commandery and the individual Sir Knights. Their contribution brought us to \$3421.35 as of November 30th. As we near the celebration of the birth of our Savior and the spirit of giving comes upon us, remember that there is no donation too small.

Courteously yours,
Vin Faraci
Grand Generalissimo — Campaign Chairman

NEARBY INSPECTIONS

Saturday January 29, 2011 at Gethsemane-DeMolay #7 in Newtonville at 2:00 p.m.
Saturday February 5, 2011 Springfield #6 and Berkshire #22 in Holyoke at 2:00 p.m.
Saturday February 12, 2011, South Shore #15 and United #21 in East Weymouth NOON
Monday February 21, 2011, Northampton #30 at Lafayette Lodge, Cumberland, RI
Saturday February 26, 2011 Coeur de Lion #34 and Olivet #36 in Woburn at 2:00 p.m.
Saturday March 12, 2011 Sutton #16 and Cape Cod #54 in New Bedford at 4:00 p.m.

IN MEMORIAM

Sir Knight Walter Weisgerber

Born January 10, 1922
Departed November 26, 2010

Past Grand Commander 1997—1998
Past Grand Warder 1990—1991