

## Massachusetts and Rhode Island Supplement

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### GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE – JANUARY 2012

Happy New Year! How quickly the days of fall have brought us into the winter season and a new year. It was my honor to attend several Christmas Observances during December and I wish to thank all of those Commanderies for their generous hospitality. I hope that all of you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas with your families and friends.

As we begin a new calendar year, we find ourselves at the start of what will be a busy Inspection season. The first Exemplification was a success and my congratulations to the Team for their fine work. Milford Commandery No. 11 is also to be commended for their work, as they are working with a corps of many new officers and we look forward to seeing them become active members of this well-respected Commandery.

Two Exemplifications will be held in January. Calvary Commandery No. 13 will host an Exemplification on Saturday, January 14<sup>th</sup> in East Providence, RI. Start time will be 9:00 A.M. The second will be held at Beauseant-Palestine No. 10 in Malden, on Monday evening, January 30<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 PM. As always, the last Exemplification will be held in Haverhill on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:00 A.M. Remember, by attending an Exemplification, you will earn bonus points for your Commandery.

Plans are being made for our annual pilgrimage to Alexandria, Virginia for the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service. We will be departing late on Thursday evening, April 5<sup>th</sup> and returning on the 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a bus available, but if you wish, you can provide your own transportation and meet us there. This has always been a great trip, and we hope many of you will be able to join us.

We are also looking into obtaining tickets for the Boston Flower & Garden Show, to be held at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston from March 14-18, 2012, as well as scheduling a family fun day at the Lowell Spinners in June or July and a summer fishing trip for late July/August. Flyers on all of these events will be available starting in January.

With the celebration of the New Year come resolutions, a custom that goes back 3,000 years to the ancient Babylonians. Exercise, diets, and other goals often find themselves attempted and then given up after a few days. Perhaps this year we should ask God for the wisdom to follow the right path with the life he has given each of us, as well as the strength to do all that we have to do. The wisdom to forgive and to love each other, as we are commanded to do by our Lord and Savior, is perhaps the best New Years gift we can give to ourselves.

#### Moving forward with Faith, Fortitude, and Unity

*"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but **this** one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before..."*

January 2012

Philippians  
3:13 (KJV)

May God hold you in the hollow of His hand,  
Courteously and fraternally,  
David E. Potter

### GRAND PRELATE'S MESSAGE

"Happy New Year"

This is a year of new beginnings, time to remember and move on, time to believe what God's Love is bringing.

We are a fraternity in mission to our communities. We reach out to the lost, the least and the lonely.

This New Year, let us renew our vision for the future. How can we grow? How can we better reach out to those who are hurting? How can we respond to new things our God is calling us to do?

With Faith In God - All things are possible. Keep the Faith!

In the name of Jesus, Amen  
Herb Simpson, Grand Prelate

### !!! EXEMPLIFICATIONS !!!

It is that time again! There will be four Inspection Exemplifications this year, with one evening Inspection added for those who find it difficult to attend on a Saturday morning. As usual, lunch will follow the Saturday **Exemplifications** and the evening one will be preceded by dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday January 14, 2012 at Calvary #13

**222 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI at 9:00 a.m., followed by lunch**

Monday January 30, 2012 at Beauseant-Palestine #10

**142 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA at 7:00 p.m., Dinner served at 6:00 p.m.**

Saturday February 18, 2012 at Haverhill #14

**111 Merrimack Street, Haverhill, MA at 9:00 a.m., lunch following**

### NEARBY INSPECTIONS

Wednesday January 11, 2012 at St. Bernard #12

Monday January 23, 2012 at Gethsemane-DeMolay #7 in Newtonville, 6:00 P.M.  
(Joint with Trinity-Natick #32)

Saturday February 4, 2012 at Berkshire #22 (2:00 P.M.)

Wednesday February 8, 2012 at Metro North #20

Saturday February 11, 2012 at South Shore #15 (11:00 A.M.)

(Joint with United #21)

Monday February 20 at Northampton #30 (in Cumberland RI)

Tuesday February 28, 2012 at Bristol #29

(Joint with Bay State #38)

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