

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND SUPPLEMENT



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Grand Commander's Message, January, 2011

Winter is upon us and the Inspection and Review season is in full swing. I encourage everyone to support his Commandery by considering filling in the Divisions, or at the very least attending your own Inspection on the sidelines. The final Exemplification of the season will be held in Haverhill on February 19. If you haven't had your Inspection yet and haven't attended an Exemplification, this will be your last chance to watch the work performed and ask any questions of the Inspector Instructor. Also, don't forget the beans and hot dog lunch graciously provided by Haverhill Commandery.



We are taking reservations for our Easter trip to Washington DC for the Grand Encampment Easter Service. We are planning a bus to leave the Milford area late evening Thursday, April 21st and returning on Sunday the 24th. Details are available at all Inspection and Reviews or on our website. This is a great trip, if you've never been, it's well worth your time, and the value can't be beat.

Our Semi-Annual Grand Conclave is coming up in Portsmouth, Rhode Island on Friday, April 1. There are a number of items that will be introduced at this session including the reading of proposed changes to the Constitution, which will be acted upon in October. Additionally, we will be introducing a change to the short form opening that will include the giving of the Penal Sign immediately after the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Being the ONLY Masonic organization that does not give their sign while opening, we want to change that. Additionally, it is distressing to observe how many Sir Knights have no idea how to properly give our sign. Please plan to attend this Grand Conclave.

Courteously and fraternally yours,
Ted Bitomski

Knights Templar Eye Foundation — Voluntary Campaign, 2011

We ended 2010 at \$5549.38 of which \$3300 came from 5 Commanderies, and the rest from individual Sir Knights and other contributors. I urge you, Sir Knights, to encourage your Commanderies to support this, our flagship charitable work. Remembering that there is no such thing as a contribution too small, let's shoot for something from every Commandery in the jurisdiction.

Courteously yours,
Vin Faraci
Grand Generalissimo — Campaign Chairman

!!!!!! DATE CORRECTION!!!!!!
Exemplification at Haverhill
Saturday February 19, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

NEARBY INSPECTIONS

Saturday March 12, 2011 Sutton #16 and Cape Cod #54 in New Bedford at 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday March 16, 2011, Boston #2 in Boston at 6:-00 p.m.
Thursday March 17, 2011, Newburyport #3 and Winslow Lewis #18 in Salem
Tuesday March 22, 2011, Worcester County #5 in Worcester at 6:00 p.m.
Thursday March 24, 2011, Jerusalem #19, in Fitchburg at 6:00 p.m.
Monday, March 28, 2011, Beauseant-Palestine #10 in Malden at 6:00 p.m.

Monday April 4, 2011, St. John's #1 in Cranston at 6:00 p.m.
Friday April 8, 2011, Holy Sepulchre #8 in Pawtucket at 6:00 p.m.
Monday April 11, 2011, Trinity-Natick #32 in Natick at 6:00 p.m.

Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery

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

At Eureka Temple

81 Sprague Street, Portsmouth, Rhode Island 02871

Followed by the R.I. Grand York Rite Banquet at the Atlantic Beach Club, Middletown, RI

Details and reservation forms available on our website

<http://www.knightstemplar.org/gckt/mari/>

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The 2011 Grand Commandery Ball FRIDAY JUNE 10, 2011

Presented by the Presiding Councils' Club at the Milford Doubletree Hotel
Information will be on the Website <http://www.knightstemplar.org/gckt/mari/>

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Pawtucket Assembly No. 217, Social Order of the Beauseant
Meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at the Masonic Center in Pawtucket, RI

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