

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND SUPPLEMENT



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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE – APRIL, 2009

Well, it's February 22nd. It's cold and raw in Boston; west and north large amounts of snow is falling. But alas, I just arrived in Miami and the weather is 76 degrees, clear and sunny. Here I sit, compelled to write this April message. Yes, for those of you who are unaware, these messages are written far in advance, in order to make the printing schedule deadline (set by others). So let's see what will be happening in April and what happened in March that may be worth noting. Well since March hasn't really arrived as yet (note present date mentioned above), I'll have to take, I suppose, what is called writer's privilege and ad lib a little (or a lot). We had many Commandery Inspections, several in a 10 day span, and they all went well, as expected (Note: this is wishful thinking since just between us, it really hasn't happened yet). Prince Hall Grand Commandery had their annual conclave in Dorchester and our Grand Council had theirs. The meetings went well and the Banquets were fabulous (Since these events have not really happened yet at the time of this writing, but at the time of your Reading this message they have happened. You will have to make your own decision as to their relative success). I hope the above is not too confusing to follow, but this is the reality of what I face each month in preparing these messages. I thought I would share a little of the background with you. Oh, I almost forgot its 6 months into my term and it's either half over or I have half way to go, depending on how you look at it. If I'm not doing so well and you are in a hurry to have my term over (or you are the VEDGC and are in a hurry to take over), you would choose the former (only kidding Tom). Or, if you think things are going smoothly then you may think the latter. Now, if you are a realist like I am, you remember the reality of when I am writing this message, and remember It's still just a cold raw day in February!

Seriously now, we will be traveling to Greece on April 22nd, which most of you are well aware of by now. This will be my last warning for those of you who have been procrastinating up until now as to whether or not you will go with us. This will be a once in a life time Historical experience, (that normally money can't buy) as The Grand Commandery of Rhodes will be celebrating 700 years of Templary on the island! The Knights of MA & RI, being their honored guests, will be treated like

royalty. You will witness and perhaps take part in the Knighting ceremony in the Grand Master's palace on actual candidates. Boston Commandery #2 will be conferring the order of the Temple in English and in full form. You may still be able to make plans (keep repeating to yourself it's February when I wrote this) to go with us but time is running out so be quick about it and call me before it's too late.

It has been a honor and a privilege to serve as your Grand Commander for these past 6 months. I am Proud of every Sir Knight of the Realm.

In Knightly Honor and Service.

Still Just Cappy
Eugene A. Capobianco
Grand Commander

Grand Prelate's Message

"Easter" Is Coming - And So Is "Good Friday"! We all know of the wonders and greatness of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus on that Sunday morning we now call Easter. It seems that not many of us know - or even care about the sad but even greater events that took place on that day we now call "Good Friday" Get into church during the "Passion Week" and learn the true meaning of the ignominious death on a cross by our Lord Jesus Christ. Know that as we came to earth to live - Jesus came to earth to die - and as He died on the cross - our death died with Him, that we may have eternal life. That's what makes Good Friday Good! (read Matthew 26 & 27)Jesus Really Loves You –

Herb Simpson
Grand Prelate

"Ascension Sunday Service"

I have made arrangements to celebrate the Ascension of Jesus on Sunday, May 31 at the United Methodist Church on Main Street in Woburn, Ma at 10:00 A.M. (Main Street is Route 38 going into Woburn)Uniform: Regular uniform without swords. We will also celebrate Pentecost Sunday at this time. There will be Holy Communion during the service. Following the service the ladies of the church will treat us to a nice luncheon. This is a big church with plenty of space for all Sir Knights, their ladies and families. Please make Jesus happy by coming to church.

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