

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND SUPPLEMENT

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Grand Commander's Message, April, 2011

It's April and finally spring is on its way. After a long hard winter, I'm sure we are all anxious for some nicer weather. Along with April comes Easter and I hope that you will be joining us for the trip down to Washington and the Grand Encampment Easter Service. If you can't join us, please make every effort to celebrate the day in your own house of worship. Any Commandery that cares to run its own Easter Observance is encouraged to do so.



The month of May includes both Memorial Day, honoring our fallen service men and women, and Armed Forces Day, honoring those currently serving our country. In recognition of the brave men and women who defend our freedoms, I am issuing a jurisdiction wide dispensation to allow veterans to substitute their regular Commandery uniform for their class A Military Uniform (presuming it still fits). Please note that it must be a class A uniform and fatigues are not an acceptable substitute.

Finally, our annual Knights Templar Eye Foundation drive is coming to a close, but there is still time to contribute. A few months ago, our Grand Generalissimo distributed a mailing for a bake-less bake sale. The response has been good, but there is still time to make it better. If you haven't contributed please consider it and mail your contribution to our Grand Generalissimo. With your help we can make this year's campaign the best yet.

Courteously and fraternally yours,
Ted Bitomski

GRAND PRELATE'S MESSAGE — S.K. Herb Simpson "Easter Season"

This month, we Christians will celebrate the greatest season of all times. We will celebrate Good Friday - knowing that it is the day our Lord Jesus died on a cross for our sins. We will remember that as Jesus died on the cross, our death died with Him and we will know that because Jesus died for us, we will have eternal life in His great and Holy Presence.

On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the fact that Jesus arose from the dead, as proof positive that He is indeed the Son of God, as He said He was.

I hope you will be in church during this season out of your love for Jesus our Savior.
Love Jesus - He Loves You,

NEARBY INSPECTIONS

Saturday April 2, 2011, Berkshire #22 in Pittsfield at 2:00 p.m.
Monday April 4, 2011, St. John's #1 in Cranston at 6:00 p.m.
Friday April 8, 2011, Holy Sepulchre #8 and Narragansett #27 in Pawtucket at 6:00 p.m.
Monday April 11, 2011, Trinity-Natick #32 in Natick at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 12, 2011, Haverhill #14 & Pilgrim #9 in Haverhill at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 19, 2011, Calvary #13 in East Providence at 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 26, 2011, Bristol #29 and Bay State #38 in Attleboro at 6:00 p.m.
Thursday May 12, 2011, Godfrey deBouillon-Washington #4 in Fall River 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/gckct/mari/>

The 2011 Grand Commandery Ball

FRIDAY JUNE 10, 2011
Presented by the Presiding Councils' Club at the Milford Doubletree Hotel
Information is on the Website <http://www.knightstemplar.org/gckct/mari/>

YORK RITE ONE DAY CLASSES

Chapter Degrees, Saturday April 9, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.
Council Degrees, Saturday April 16, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.
Commandery Orders, Saturday May 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

All One Day Classes at the Boston Masonic Building!
Details on the websites

Knight Templar Eye Foundation Voluntary Campaign Update

Sir Knights, as of February 22, we have raised just under \$22,000, over half of which came from just one Commandery with 16 Commanderies as yet unheard from. This is my last opportunity, in this publication, to encourage your participation before the campaign ends. Our Grand Commandery has always ranked in the top ten of Grand Encampment. Let's see if we can make the top five this year.

Courteously yours,
Vin Faraci
Grand Generalissimo — Campaign Chairman

Milford Commandery No. 11 Continues Uniform Sales.

Milford Commandery No. 11 will honor the memory of Sir Knight Robert P. Winterhalter, by continuing the sale of summer uniforms and other Templar items. You may make inquiry of S.K. Walter E. Brasier, Jr. at 508-376-8672 or waltbrasier@prodigy.net

Berkshire Commandery #22, Annual Pig Roast, 2011

One of the most popular of our annual events is the Pig Roast, hosted by Berkshire Commandery #22. This year the Roast will take place on Saturday, July 9th at a new location! It will be at Evening Star Lodge in Lee, Massachusetts, which is about 3 miles from Exit 2 off the Mass. Turnpike. We will have directions and full particulars on our website soon, and more news in further editions of the Knight Templar!

Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery—2011

Just a head start on the Annual Conclave this year! We will meet at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street in Mansfield. The York Rite Unity Banquet will be on Friday Evening October 14, 2011 and the Conclave on Saturday October 15, 2011. Officers for 2012 will be installed following the Saturday luncheon.
Mark your calendars now!!!