

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND SUPPLEMENT



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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE – May, 2009

May is finally here! Question: If April showers bring May flowers, then what do May flowers bring?

Well, by the time you read this message we will be returning from Greece, a trip that promises to be a memorable and Historical event. If you missed it I'm sure you will hear all about it from those of us who went. I will have pictures available for viewing at various events.

Inspections are now completed and I personally thank all of the officers, divisions, and members of the various Commanderies, as well as the Grand Commandery officers for their continued support and attendance at these events. It was a pleasure to see many new young faces participating at these inspections as well, and I hope this is a sign of things to come.

Finally, as S.K. Herb Simpson has dedicated many years to this Grand Commandery as Grand Prelate, and has helped so many other Commanderies when they needed a fill in Prelate, it is only proper that we help and support him by attending Ascension Sunday service May 31 in Woburn. It is at the United Methodist Church on Rt. 38. Please plan to attend; family and friends are welcome. Dress attire is full Templar uniform, less the sword. Particulars are on the next page. I hope to see you there!

In Knightly Honor and Service.
Eugene A. Capobianco
Grand Commander

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Grand Prelate's Message

Ascending and Descending

The life of Jesus is known to us as four great miracles: Incarnation, Resurrection, Ascension and the Second Coming. At this time of the year we Christians celebrate the third of these wonderful miracles; the Ascension of Jesus as He returns to Heaven. At Christmas we celebrate His coming to Earth as a humble baby. Now-lets us take time to celebrate His returning to heaven to sit at the right hand of God.

It is written; "Because of the exaltation of Jesus Christ, one day every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father." Let's not wait any longer to glorify our savior Jesus Christ, and to give thanks for all He has given us. Let us also celebrate the descending of the Holy Spirit to Earth, and the birth of the church which took place just 10 days after the Ascension of Jesus.

Read Luke 24: 50-53 and Acts 1: 1-11

Ascension Sunday Services

Woburn United Methodist Church at Main St. in Woburn, Rte. 38. Sunday, May 31, 10:00 A.M. Arrive early please. Sir Knights Uniform = Regular uniform without swords. Bring ladies, kids, friends, neighbors, etc. Following the service the ladies of the church will treat us to a nice luncheon. Come Christians - Let us Worship together!

Jesus Loves You,
Herb Simpson
Grand Prelate

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Berkshire Commandery #22 9th Annual Pig Roast!!

Saturday July 11, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. at 609 Berkshire Trail in Cummington, Mass. (Rte. 9, the Grille @ Lightning Bug) Coffee & Pastries at 10:30 a.m. Roast at 12:30 p.m. \$15.00 per person. Come enjoy this wonderful event, with all proceeds to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Details and ticket information on our Website
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