

# MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND SUPPLEMENT

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## Grand Commander's Message, May, 2011

It's May and finally we can look forward to nice weather. What a long winter it has been. Our semi-annual last month was quite successful with both of our Grand Masters in attendance. We have some important issues to consider between now and October, when at our Annual Conclave we will be acting on the proposed changes to our Constitution.



I want to wish the best of luck to Sir Knight Eugene "Cappy" Capobianco, Rt. Em. Past Grand Commander, who was endorsed for a run for Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment at our semi-annual.

Our pilgrimage to Washington for the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service was a tremendous success. We ended up with 50 people in attendance, which was a really nice turnout. I want to thank Sir Knight John Doherty for his assistance and acting as our tour guide on Saturday. Those who didn't go missed a really great time, and should put the Easter trip on next year's calendar.

Finally, I want to remind all of our Sir Knights who are also veterans that for the month of May they can substitute their class A military uniform for their regular Commandery uniform. Please note that it must be a class A uniform and fatigues are not an acceptable substitute.

Courteously and fraternally yours,  
Ted Bitomski

### 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](mailto:waltbrasier@prodigy.net)

### Knights Templar Eye Foundation Campaign Update

Sir Knights,  
As of March 31, 2011 we have received just under \$27,000.00 with 8 inspections to go and 8 commanderies as yet unheard from. Remember that I have only until May 15<sup>th</sup> to submit contributions for the current campaign. No contribution is too small or too large. Dig Deep! Thank you!

Vin Faraci, Grand Generalissimo

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/>

GRAND COMMANDERY ONE DAY CLASS!!

ALL Commandery Orders, in FULL Form— Saturday May 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.

At the Boston Masonic Building !  
Details on the websites!

GRAND PRELATE'S MESSAGE — S.K. Herb Simpson

## Ascension Sunday Church Service

This year we will celebrate the Ascension of our Lord Jesus on Sunday June 5th at 2:00 P.M. at the Maynard United Methodist Church in Maynard, Ma.

All Sir Knights, their families and friends are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be a nice luncheon following the worship service.

Uniform will be regular uniform less sword.

-Directions-

From RT 495 to Rt 2 East - or From RT 128 to RT 2 West - Go to Exit #42, At exit #42 take RT 27 South. Go 3.6 miles to traffic light near fire station turn right onto Summer ST an go about one block beyond the church to the city parking lot on the left. Enter Church on Summer Street side - and go downstairs where we will assemble. Be there!!! Thanks

### 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!!!

### CAPPY'S RUNNING!!



At the Semi-Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, April 1, 2011, it was announced that our own Sir Eugene "Cappy" Capobianco will be a candidate for Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. The election will be held at the Triennial gathering of the Grand Encampment in Alexandria, Virginia next year.

This Grand Commandery voted to endorse Cappy's candidacy at our Semi-Annual Conclave. Congratulations and good luck to him!

If you wish to help with the large mailings or other logistical issues, please contact Sir Knights Richard Esancy, [pemtax@juno.com](mailto:pemtax@juno.com) or Robert Corr, [rcorr@gmail.com](mailto:rcorr@gmail.com) It has been decades since one of our own was in the elected Grand Encampment line .... Let's do this for all of Massachusetts and Rhode Island!