

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND SUPPLEMENT



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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE – MAY, 2009

As I write this to you we are on the Ancient island of Rhodes, taking part in the 700th Anniversary of Knights Templar in this incredible place. The Pilgrimage to Greece has been a great success and we will be more than happy to tell you all about it wherever we may meet.

Inspection season is completed and the Pilgrimage to Greece is now behind us after several years of preparation, so now we turn to the last half of the term and look forward to preparing for our first annual gathering of all the Grand York Rite Bodies. Please communicate to the Fraters in your Commanderies my best wishes and the excitement we should all share for all the wonderful things that are happening in our Commanderies. You all make me very proud to be your Grand Commander and I stand ready to assist your growth and prosperity in any way I can.

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

Grand Prelate's Message

"Happy Birthday John" (John the Baptist that is)

On June 24th, we celebrate the birth of "John the Baptist". John is a patron saint of free masonry as we learned in the entered apprentice degree.

John was sent by God to witness to our Lord Jesus Christ like most of us, John had doubts about Jesus being the Son of God. He even sent His disciples to Jesus asking if He was the one sent by God, or should they wait for someone else?

John Baptized Jesus in the river Jordan just before Jesus began His three year ministry and in the presence of God and the Holy Spirit. Jesus said of John: He is the Elijah who was to come. He who has ears; let him hear! John the Baptist was born six months before Jesus and that is why we celebrate his birth on June 24th. (Read Matthew 3 and 11 - and Luke 1)

Have Faith in Jesus - He 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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THE PRESIDING COUNCILS CLUB PROUDLY PRESENTS THE 2009 GRAND COMMANDERY BALL FRIDAY, JUNE 12, 2009

DOUBLETREE HOTEL MILFORD 11 BEAVER STREET MILFORD, MASSACHUSETTS

Reception & Social Hour 6:00 Complimentary Crackers & Cheese TO BE HELD IN THE FOYER
DINNER 7:15 PM TO BE HELD IN THE REGENCY BALLROOM
Fresh Fruit Cup Two Seasonal Vegetables, Baked Stuffed Boneless Breast of Chicken Tossed Garden Salad/Two Dressings with Champagne Sauce Freshly Baked Rolls with Butter, Duchess Potatoes Coffee, decaf Coffee and Tea.

PRICE: \$40.00 per person, all inclusive.

Rooms are available at \$69.00 plus tax, before June 5, 2009 Call the Hotel, (508)478-7010
Mention the BALL!

Get a table together (8, or 10) and join us as we continue this tradition. Reservations must be made and paid for in advance; none will be accepted after June 5, 2009.
Need a Special Meal? Just ask with your reservation!

The program will include the Reception of the Right Eminent Grand Commander and his Suite; the Traditional Pass-in-Review, Grand March, and dancing until 11:00 PM to the music of Dick Parent and his orchestra. Bring your friends, neighbors, prospective candidates, or anyone else you wish. ALL ARE WELCOME!

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