

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND SUPPLEMENT

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Grand Commander's Message, June, 2011

Inspection and Review Season has ended, most Commanderies are preparing for their last conclave prior to the summer break, and we are all looking forward to a relaxing summer with our families. But our work has not ended yet.

There is the Ascension Sunday Service on June 5 at the United Methodist Church in Maynard. See the Grand Prelate's message for more details on this.

On June 12 is the Grand Master's Fair, at the Masonic Home in Charlton. Grand Commandery will be marching in the parade, and I invite all Sir Knights planning to attend to bring a uniform and join us. It's not a long parade and let's make the Commandery contingent the largest there.

On July 4 we will be joining Trinity-Natick Commandery and the other Masonic bodies of Natick in the annual Fourth of July parade. We meet at 8:00AM at the Natick Masonic Hall to be transported to the parade start site and after the parade lunch will be provided by Trinity Natick Commandery.

On July 9 Berkshire Commandery will be sponsoring their annual Pig Roast with the proceeds going to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. This year it will be at the Masonic Hall in Lee, which provides an excellent and highly convenient facility. Please contact Sir Knight Tom Dawson for reservations.

Finally, on August 13, Haverhill Commandery (my home Commandery) will be having their annual cookout at Gideon Hall in Kingston, NH on beautiful Greenwood Pond. I would invite all who are interested to join us, but please let us know that you are coming (we'd hate to run out of libations).

As you can see, we may be winding down for the summer, but still have plenty to do!

Courteously and fraternally yours,
Ted Bitomski

MORI is COMING!!

Over the next several weeks, we will be using a pre-selected core of Secretaries and Recorders to "beta test" our new database system. There is still a large amount of money needed to wrap this project up. Many of you have been very generous, some incredibly so! If your Commandery has not donated, would you consider doing so?? Thanks so much for helping us with this worthwhile project!



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GRAND PRELATE'S MESSAGE — S.K. Herb Simpson "St John The Baptist"

On June 24 we celebrate the birth of St. John the Baptist. St. John is a patron saint of Freemasonry. He was born six months before our Lord Jesus Christ and he is a cousin of Jesus. He came into this world to witness to Jesus and he baptized Jesus in the river Jordan when they were both thirty years old.

Read Mathew chapter three to learn more about the greatness of John the Baptist.
Love Jesus - He Loves You,

The 2011 Grand Commandery Ball FRIDAY JUNE 10, 2011

Presented by the Presiding Councils' Club at the Milford Doubletree Hotel
6:00 P.M. Reception, Social Hour and light hors d'ourves
7:15 Dinner . Baked Stuffed Boneless Breast of Chicken
\$40.00 per Person to Leland F. Ross, Jr. 18 Elizabeth Street, Plainville, MA 02762
Make Checks to "The Presiding Councils' Club"
Rooms Available at the Doubletree for \$69.00 plus Tax. Just call (508) 478-7010 and be sure to mention The Ball!

Information is on the Website <http://www.knightstemplar.org/gcct/mari/>

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 have directions and full particulars on our website!!



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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!!! Details in the July 2011 Supplement

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. Michael Rooney at milford11uniformproject@gmail.com or (508) 400-0403

Sir Knight Eugene Anthony Capobianco
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