

MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND SUPPLEMENT



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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE – July, 2009

Happy 4th of July! Enjoy and be safe, celebrating our independence.

Well the Greece trip was a big success and all who went had a great time with many memorable experiences. Those candidates that were knighted in Athens by the Grand Encampment of Greece were invested with traditional Templar robes. In the Grand Masters Palace on the island of Rhodes we conferred the order of the temple on our candidates plus the candidates from Commandery ARHON RAFAEL #17 Rhodes. The candidates and attending Knights were treated to a superb performance by members of Boston Commandery. All candidates were knighted by yours truly, the Grand Commander of Rhodes, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Greece, and the Commander of Boston Commandery. With one notable, our own Robert Corr joined in knighting Steven Wesley Lindsey, our Office Assistant in Boston. I was a proud Father to say the least, in having the honor, to Knight my two sons, Eugene Anthony Capobianco, Jr. and Brian Anthony Capobianco. Also in attendance and knighted was the Grand Master of Malta. Grand Master Joe expressed a desire for us to travel to Malta to confer the orders upon those new knights from a new Commandery that he hopes to establish. Wow, that would make four. My first was as Commander of Boston Commandery knighting and opening the first Commandery in Santo Domingo. Second, as Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery of Rhodes Knighting and opening a Commandery in Rhodes. Third as Grand Commander Knighting and opening 3 new Commanderies in Brazil. Polish your swords! We may be off to Malta soon.

Have a great, happy and safe summer and I'll see you at the Pig Roast, I hope!

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

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Grand Prelate's Message

What Is This Thing Called Faith?

The dictionary says faith is belief, trust and fidelity. The Bible says faith is the substance of things hoped for; the evidence of things not seen. Why do we need faith? We need faith because without faith it is impossible to please God. We cannot pray to God if we don't believe in Him.

Faith is necessary to our salvation. "Believe and be saved". There are two kinds of faith in regard to salvation: Head faith and heart faith.

Head faith is knowledge of Christ and a general acceptance of the Bible.

Heart faith is faith from the heart that causes a person to act on his faith.

We are saved by faith, we receive Christ by faith, we justified by faith, we become children of God by faith, we are sanctified by faith, we are kept by the power of God through faith.

The question for us Christians is not - "What can I do?" But-"How big is my Faith"?

Read the book of Hebrews, it's a great book. Have faith in Jesus - He Loves You!

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 <http://www.knightstemplar.org/gckt/mari/>