

**MASSACHUSETTS AND  
RHODE ISLAND  
SUPPLEMENT**



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**GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER, 2008**

Sir Knights: The Grand Conclave is fast approaching and we must start making plans accordingly. We have met with the hotel and the absolute cutoff date for rooms will be *September 24<sup>th</sup>*. The hotel is now sold out completely for that weekend and once we release the rooms we have blocked out for us on the 25<sup>th</sup> we will have no rooms available. Make your reservations early! Banquet reservations will be taken until October 15<sup>th</sup> and once that date is past we will try to get you in, however you will be assessed a \$10.00 late fee above the ticket price and will receive whatever they can feed you, not what you may want. Please work with us and we will try to accommodate you in every way possible, but late reservations must become a thing of the past. Also, for all Past Grand Commanders and members of Grand Encampment we need your input as soon as possible if you intend to travel to Roanoke in 2009. The hotel there is small and we must reserve early if we intend to stay in the host hotel. Let me know via any means possible if you are going to attend and we will have the Office reserve a block of rooms for us.

Courteously,  
Michael S. Kaulback.  
Grand Commander

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**ANNUAL BANQUET  
PRESIDING COUNCILS' CLUB  
FRIDAY EVENING, 24 OCTOBER 2008**

**DOUBLETREE HOTEL WESTBOROUGH**  
5400 Computer Drive, Westborough, MA 01581  
JUNCTION OF 495 AND 9W  
**SOCIAL HOUR 6:00 CASH BAR**  
**DINNER 7:00 PM**

**ENTRÉE: CHICKEN AND SHRIMP**  
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**Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, INC.**  
**and the Appendant Orders**  
of  
**Massachusetts and Rhode Island**

**2008 -- Annual Conclave – 2008**

October 24 – 26, 2008  
Doubletree Hotel, Westborough  
5400 Computer Drive, Westborough, Massachusetts 01581  
(Junction of I-495 & Rt. 9W)

**Information is on our Website! [www.knightstemplar.org/gckt/mari/](http://www.knightstemplar.org/gckt/mari/)**

**!!! Pre-Payment for Life Rates WILL Increase on November 1<sup>st</sup> !!!**

On July 31, 2008 the Trustees of the Grand Commandery voted to increase the rates for pre-payment of Per-Capita for Life, due to the increase of the Grand Encampment per capita charges. Each Commander and Recorder will receive the new rate chart in the next week or so, so if you want to pre-pay, please contact your Recorder **PRIOR TO OCTOBER 31, 2008!!**