

## Massachusetts and Rhode Island Supplement

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### GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE – SEPTEMBER 2011



September is here and we are now about ready to start in on another Masonic year. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer and recharged their batteries so that we can hit the ground running. With all of the activity at the end of last year, I expect that each of us will have a busy year coming up.

It was my privilege to be able to attend the DeMolay Conclave in August and to be present at the Priory Investiture for Haut Scion Priory. For those who aren't familiar with the organization, it is a part of the DeMolay structure and is designed to keep the older boys interested. It had gone dormant many years ago and had turned in its Charter of DeMolay International. It is now being resurrected under the sponsorship of our Grand Commandery and the active interest of the stat officers.

Finally, I want to remind everyone of the upcoming Grand Conclave October 14 through 16. Our Banquet this year will be held in conjunction with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Mass., on Friday evening. Saturday, the Presiding Councils Club will be conducting a fund raising banquet and the program will be a presentation by the Rev. Patricia Korgut, who is the Pastor that we sent to the Holy Land this year. I have had the pleasure of meeting her and hearing her speak, and can assure you that it will be dynamic presentation of her pilgrimage. So often we send people and never hear anything back, please make a point of attending this to observe how well our money is spent.

Courteously and fraternally yours,  
Ted Bitomski

#### ***Boutique Shop at the Annual Sessions, October 14 and 15, 2011***

With the fall season fast approaching, it is time to begin thinking about the upcoming Grand Conclave, which will be held in Mansfield on October 14, 15, and 16. Once again, we are asking for your support in order to help us have a "Boutique Table" that will generate a generous donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. As always, your Commandery will be credited with the amount of your donation. A donation in the form of a check, a basket, or craft items will be most sincerely appreciated. If you choose to send a check, please make it out to "GCOWA" and be sure to identify your Commandery. Please not "Boutique Table" on your check and sent it to Mrs. Thomas R. Dawson, 1974 Swamp Road, Richmond, MA 01254.

Thank you, in advance, for your generous considerations.  
Lady Linda Bitomski

### GRAND PRELATE'S MESSAGE

Have you forgotten anyone?

In June, we celebrated the Ascension of Jesus as He returned home to Heaven. We also celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit ten days later, as He was sent by God to live amongst us, and to remind us all that our Lord Jesus Christ said to us while He was with us.

The Holy Spirit has been with us for 2000 years to be our companion, our partner and friend with whom we should have an intimate fellowship day by day.

If you have forgotten Him, try putting your whole trust in God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit ("The Holy Trinity"). They haven't forgotten you.

In the name of Jesus, Amen  
Herb Simpson, Grand Prelate

### GRAND YORK RITE BODIES' ANNUAL SESSIONS – 2011 Holiday Inn – 31 Hampshire Street – Mansfield, Massachusetts

#### Thursday, October 13, 2011

Informal Dinner and Hospitality for Early Birds and arriving guests from out of state.

#### Friday, October 14, 2011

9:00 a.m. .... Grand Chapter Annual Convocation  
10:00 a.m. .... Grand Chapter Ladies' Program  
11:15 a.m. .... Open Installation of Grand Officers for 2011-2012  
12:15 p.m. .... Joint Men's and Ladies' Luncheon  
1:00 p.m. .... Grand Officers Pictures (Grand Chapter/Grand Council)

2:15 p.m. .... Grand Council Annual Assembly  
2:15 p.m. .... Grand Council Ladies' Program  
4:15 p.m. .... Open Installation of Grand Officers for 2011-2012  
5:45 p.m. .... Social Period  
6:30 p.m. .... York Rite Unity Banquet

***Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery together***

#### Saturday, October 15, 2011

8:45 a.m. .... Officer's Procession and Reception of Guests (Ladies invited)  
9:30 a.m. .... Grand Commander Reconvenes – Annual business session  
10:00 a.m. .... Grand Commandery Ladies' Program  
12:15 p.m. .... Joint Men's and Ladies' Luncheon  
1:00 p.m. .... Grand Officers Pictures  
1:30 p.m. .... Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor  
1:30 p.m. .... Grand Commandery Officers' Wives Association Annual Meeting  
3:15 p.m. .... Open Installation of Grand Officers for 2011-2012  
4:30 p.m. .... Worship Service  
6:30 p.m. .... Presiding Councils' Club Dinner

***Speaker: The Reverend Patricia Korgut will speak on her recent Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.***

***Reservation Forms and Schedule are online at [www.yorkrite.com/ma](http://www.yorkrite.com/ma)***

***!!! DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS THIS YEAR IS SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 !!!***