

## Massachusetts and Rhode Island Supplement

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### GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE – OCTOBER 2017 Sir Knight Kenneth George Sallale



October will find us gathered together at our Annual Grand Conclave. We will once again greet one another with affection, conduct the important business of our Grand Commandery, and elect the new leaders of tomorrow. Longevity is perhaps the most honest measure of relevance. As this year marks our 212th annual Grand sessions, let it be said that our values and traditions are timeless and serve a vital role in this world of ours. For over two

centuries, we, and our progenitors in Massachusetts and Rhode Island Templarly, have faithfully upheld our oaths. Let us remain forever vigilant, lest we diminish the spirit of all those who came before us.

I sincerely thank you for the high honor that you bestowed upon me to serve as your Grand Commander. Both Lady Phyllis and I are truly in your debt. When traveling throughout our jurisdiction, we were overwhelmed by your hospitality, generosity and love. When traveling without, we were overtaken by enormous pride for the special position accorded to our historic jurisdiction. What a tremendous gift of joy we received over the course of an entire year.

Throughout my term as your Grand Commander, I have often sought your help. In the true spirit of Templarly, you always gave it. I have but one final request of you. Please lavish the same love, passion and patience on my successor in office, Sir Knight Glen Melvin Cunningham, and his Lady Willo. They are most worthy exemplars of our beloved Templar community. Nourish them with your same unwavering decency, that they may be imbued with your grace and fortified with your loving spirit.

God bless you always!

Courteously yours,  
Ken Sallale  
Grand Commander, 2016 – 2017

### A word from our Grand Prelate Sir Knight and Reverend Matthew John Wissell

Sir Knights,

Autumn is here in New England. For many of us it is our favorite time of the year. It is cool, but not too cold. The colors are beautiful. The Patriots are in action. Commanderies are at labor and we get to join in the great fellowship of our Fraters. How blessed we are to live where we do and to be a part of such a great Order. In a world that seems to be divided, it is nice to share a place where people strive for unity. Let us never fail to share the message of our Savior through our words and our actions with a world that desperately needs to know it. We are Templars, let us be Templars in deed not merely in words.

In His Service,  
Matt

### Massachusetts York Rite Annual Sessions 2017

At the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, Massachusetts

### Welcome Aboard Buffet at 6:45 P.M., Thursday October 12, 2017

**Grand Chapter of Mass., Friday October 13, 2017 at 9:15 a.m.**

**Grand Council of Mass. Friday October 13, 2017 at 2:15 p.m.**

**Grand Commandery, Saturday October 14, 2017 at 9:15 a.m.**

**York Rite Unity Banquet Friday October 13 at 7:00 P.M.**

### Reception for our new Grand Commander Saturday October 14, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

**Schedule and Reservation Forms on our Website**  
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