



From the office of the Grand Commander
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Greetings Sir Knights,

April is a very busy time for York Rites in Maine in general, but in particular for Grand Commandery. Our Grand York Rites Conclave will start on the 26th in Portland Maine. All of the Grand Line Officers have or are finishing their reports as I am mine.

We should not forget to stop and ponder how we got here. April 15th is marked as tax day on the calendar, but in Maine and in Massachusetts we observe Patriots Day, (April 19, the actual anniversary). I make note of this day because this was the day that changed the world. We may not have been able to have the freedoms of which we enjoy today if not for those minutemen that stood on the green at Lexington or the bridge at Concord. These farmers, shopkeepers, blacksmiths and craftsmen faced the most powerful army in the world at that time. The revolution was long and bloody, but the Patriots won with help for France. Merci beaucoup!

God Bless all Sir Knights wherever they may be dispersed over the face of this earth!

Yours in Knightly Service,

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