

# Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

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Greetings Sir Knights,

It is hard to believe that we are already entering May. We have warmer weather coming and the flowers have been blooming and the sounds of nature have returned to what was only a couple of months ago the quieter and colder winter. This seasonal change reminds us of the beautiful rebirth of nature and the hidden blessings of the world around us. I hope that you are all able to make the best of these warmer days and get to enjoy some of these small blessings that are around us every day.

Coming into May, we also have the celebration of a greater blessing. As Christians we are reminded of the great promise of the Lord. On May 12<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate Ascension Day Sunday. Reminding us of Jesus' ascension into heaven to be seated at the right hand of our Father. What a glorious reminder of the eternal gift that we were given. As Christian Knights, we will be holding our Ascension Day Service at St. David's on the Hill in Cranston Rhode Island. I hope that you will come and join your fellow Sir Knights and their families as we celebrate this miraculous event. May 12<sup>th</sup> is also Mother's Day. To honor the mothers in our lives, during the collation that will follow the service, some of our local DeMolay members will be performing the Flower Talk and the Mothers Watch. Both ceremonies are centered around the love we have for our mothers and the care they have given to us all.

I think that it is fitting that this year Mother's Day falls on Ascension Day. The deep love that mothers give to us reminds me of the deep love that Jesus gave and taught while here on earth. He so loved us that he died on the cross for us, to purify our lives.

This kind of love we see in our parents and most especially in our mothers. They love us regardless of the wrongs we may have done. It is said that we could sink to no level deep enough that the love of a mother cannot find us. This kind of love, forgiveness and understanding are the same love that Jesus gave all of us. As we travel through this life sometimes we may forget that love but it is ever present. The desire and hope for us to see our own worth in their eyes, both Jesus and our own mothers.

Sir Knights, I hope that your May is full of life and good weather and good times. I hope that you feel the love of Jesus every day. I hope that you feel your mother's love in your life no matter if she is still here or gone on to be with our Heavenly Father. Just like the love that Jesus gives to us, your mother's love endures all. May god bless you and keep you all safe.

Fraternally,

James Ian Ogilvie Grand Commander



Worcester County Commandery and Springfield Commandery conferred the Order of Malta in full-form April 25<sup>th</sup>. on 11 candidates. Those in costume were a fearsome bunch, and acquitted themselves well. As we have pointed out before, we have a photo of a cast wearing those very costumes in 1955.

The cast also found out why Worcester County Commandery used to do this full-form version in February each year. It gets warm in those costumes!

Thanks to all.

John Andrew

