



**MASSACHUSETTS &  
RHODE ISLAND  
SUPPLEMENT**

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**MARCH MESSAGE**

The month of March heralds the change of seasons. Winter to Spring, snow to flowers.

March is also heralding a new direction for Commandery and York Rite.

As you know, there was a restructuring of the York Rite office. Due to financial reasons, it became necessary to lay-off our full time office administrator S. Wesley Lindsey. This was a difficult, but necessary decision.

The office committee is currently evaluating office work flow. This will allow them to put in place protocols that will best serve our membership.

The monies saved will be redirected to member services and programs.

The following programs are moving forward and will be rolled out in the coming months.

1) new website, 2) recruitment, mailing and in person, 3) family unity events, 4) more social programs, 5) enhanced speakers bureau, 6) piggybacking on Grand Lodge training programs, 7) "Tool Box" program, more information to come, 8) increased visibility of our Honor Guard teams in Blue Lodge, 9) additional joint Town hall zoom meetings with the heads of bodies.

Unfortunately, we are still under Covid- 19 restrictions. As a result, I will make a decision about Inspections by April 1st.

Remain active. Keep fighting. When we reopen we will be better and stronger than before.

God bless you and your families,

S. K. James S. Stone, Sr.

Right Eminent Grand Commander

**MARCH MESSAGE  
from the Grand Prelate**

Good news Sir knights! Good news you say?  
We certainly can use some good news.

The past year has been full of bad news in the media, we all have lost companions and perhaps even family members to this pandemic. We pray for you and your losses but this month we approach the good news of the salvation we all freely receive for the asking!

Easter is more than a time of Easter eggs, chocolates and bunnies; it is the celebration of the miracle of freely given salvation and forgiveness of sin offered by our blessed Saviour to all who believe in him. Easter egg hunts, boxes of chocolate and even bunnies all pass quickly but eternal life transcends all of this.

We here on this mortal earth do mourn for those we love and lose to death but if we have Faith we know with certainty they have been received into eternal life by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Easter celebrates the death of sin, the overcoming of death and the miraculous triumph of Love over hate.

God loves us so much he repealed the penalty of death for our sins by sacrificing his son to pay the price once and for all. For all! All of us forever!

Remember this when you celebrate and emulate the example of forgiving those around you for their 'sins' against you. As Christian Knights we lead the way and set the example. Let the light of Christ's Love shine through you that others may believe.

Peace to you  
God bless you all  
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