

**THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF
MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND**

Sir Knight George L. Herbolsheimer, IV
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Sir Knight S. Wesley Lindsey
Eminent Grand Recorder

November 15, 2019

To all constituent Commanderies within the Jurisdiction of, and holding allegiance to, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, WE SENDETH GREETINGS:

GENERAL ORDER, NO. 1

Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven! Thus, Jesus laid out for us a path to the world. Let us all let our light shine and let our Knights Templar be the leader in a world filled with distrust and darkness.

This short verse of scripture has held an important place in my life. I had long believed that working in the background, getting many little things done, was the way to improve the general existence. As I have aged, I have found the need for others to see the light and to make our presence known in the world. In Masonry, we are all seeking light, but we hide our candle beneath the proverbial bushel. In Templary, we also hide within our asylums, seemingly afraid to upset the sensitivities of the world. It is time for us to change that. Be proud of your Templary. Wear it proudly on your tie, on your lapel, on your polo shirt and your jacket. Let the world know of us, what we preach, what we do.

The light, or in my case specifically, the lantern is my symbol. Not only does it represent that throwing of light to the outward world, but the lantern has a more particular meaning for me masonically. In 1775, a young Sexton in the Old North Church one night crawled up into the belfry, darkened the windows on three sides and hung two lanterns for carefully watching eyes. One of those lanterns, we are told, resides in Concord, MA at the Concord Museum, also the hometown of my Mother Lodge. One of the sets of eyes waiting for the signal that the lanterns provided was our own M.W. Paul Revere, who chartered Corinthian Lodge in 1797. It was my great pleasure to have been Master of that Lodge in 1994-1995. To add to the circle, it is believed that the first sentinel of Boston Commandery No. 2 was that Sexton who put his life on the line for what he believed. I have been honored to be a Past Commander of that august institution.

Please join me in bringing the light of Templary to the world!

GENERAL ORDER, NO. 2

Divisional Realignment:

it is hereby ordered that the following Divisional Realignment be accomplished.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

Boston No. 2 Boston
Gethsemane-DeMolay No. 7 Newtonville
Milford No. 11 Milford
St. Bernard No. 12 Boston
Coeur de Lion No. 34 Concord

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

St. John's No. 1 Cranston
Holy Sepulchre No. 8 Pawtucket
Calvary No. 13 East Providence
Narragansett No. 27 Westerly

NORTH DIVISION

Newburyport No. 3 Newburyport
Pilgrim No. 9 Lowell
Beauseant-Palestine No. 10 Wakefield
Haverhill No. 14 Haverhill
Winslow Lewis No. 18 Salem
Metro North No. 20 Melrose

SOUTH DIVISION

Washington-Godfrey de Buillon No. 4 Fall River
Sutton No. 16 New Bedford
United No. 21 Norwood
South Shore No. 31 East Weymouth
Bay State No. 38 Brockton
Cape Cod No. 54 Centreville

WESTERN DIVISION

Worcester County No. 5 Worcester
Springfield No. 6 Feeding Hills
Jerusalem No. 19 Fitchburg
Berkshire No. 22 Cummington
Northampton No. 30 Cummington

GENERAL ORDER, NO. 3

Summer Uniform:

It is the order of the Grand Commander that the summer uniform may be worn by all Sir Knights from May 1 through September 30 unless otherwise directed by the Grand Commander. He may also direct that, for a particular mission, in order to show uniformity, only the summer uniform shall be worn.

GENERAL ORDER, NO. 4

Historic Uniforms

The cost of outfitting every Sir Knight in a class A uniform being more than many Sir Knights and various Commanderies can afford, It is ordered that , following the precedent of a Past Grand Commander regarding the Boston Commandery No.2 "Red Jacket Uniform", a Commandery may adopt a uniform sport coat and slacks, with white shirt and Commandery tie as a historic uniform for all Sir Knights not working on the floor, and the dark blue jacket and Commandery tie of Gethsemane-DeMolay Commandery is hereby approved as a historic uniform.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, at Boston, Massachusetts, on this, the 15th day of November 2019, A.O. 901.



George L. Herbolsheimer, IV
GRAND COMMANDER

ATTEST:



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