

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

Sir Knight Eugene B. Nichols
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Sir Knight Donald S. Stevens
Eminent Grand Recorder

November 1, 2022

*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:*

GENERAL ORDER, NO. 1

Greetings Sir Knights,

Together with the Inspector instructor and the Grand Commandery line officers, we are pleased to formally announce the inspection guidelines for the 2022-2023 Templar year.

The format will be a little different this year, with some additions we hope will engage our Sir Knights, involve as many Sir Knights as possible and add some flexibility to allow greater participation as well as give us some exposure within the Masonic Family and the general public. Each Commandery may choose to be marked on any of the three Orders.

There will be two separate components this year for which guidelines are attached:

1. Inspection of the Work to be Marked (General Order, No. 1, Attachment A)
2. Public Reception of the Division Commander (General Order, No. 1, Attachment B)

If a Commandery would like to involve a live candidate(s) and confer an Order as their work to be marked, no dispensation will be necessary.

Dinner: Head tables will be required. The Eminent Commander should collaborate with the Deputy Grand Warder to assure the head table is arranged properly.

Exemplification of the Order of the Temple and Reception of the Division Commander:

Date	Time	Location	
• November 26, 2022	9:00am	Milford Commandery No. 11	Milford, MA
• January 14, 2023	9:00am	Haverhill Commandery No. 14	Haverhill, MA

Exemplification of the Order of Red Cross:

Date to be announced

Exemplification of the Order of Malta:

Date to be announced

The top five officers (Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden) of each Commandery are expected to attend at least one Exemplification. The teams spend a great deal of time preparing for these Exemplifications, so it is important to have good representation from each Commandery.

We are all looking forward to continuing to enhance the vibrant and exciting work of Templary. This work is hard, and it takes time, and it takes practice, but it is a wonderful opportunity to get back to the fellowship and comradery that we all joined this great Fraternity to enjoy.

Please contact the Grand Commander or your Division Commander with any questions.

GENERAL ORDER, NO. 1, ATTACHMENT A

Guidelines for Inspection of the Work to be Marked Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island 2022-2023 Templar Year

- Each Commandery will perform and be marked on the work of any of the three Orders
 - Commanderies are encouraged to perform the work on and for candidates
 - Joint performances with no more than two Commanderies are encouraged
 - Dispensation must be submitted as soon as possible if doing jointly
 - This year we will focus on the candidates: the Inspection of the Work will be performed separately from the Reception of the Division Commander, on a regularly scheduled Conclave night, and you are encouraged to work candidates. We spend a great deal of time preparing for this work on which we are marked, so please take advantage of the opportunity to have candidates be part of this earnest effort.
 - For work being done on live candidates, the entire Order will be performed. For the Order of the Temple, the following portions will not be marked: Chamber of Reflection, Hermit Pilgrimage, Years of Warfare, Sepulcher Scene
 - If a Commandery wishes to perform the work alone, please contact your Division Commander.
 - The Inspection of the Work to be marked must take place after November 1, 2022, and before April 30, 2023
 - All Commanderies must submit dates for the Inspection of the Work to be marked to the Grand Inspector Instructor before November 30, 2022
 - Dress rehearsal: Should be scheduled at least one week in advance of the Inspection

GENERAL ORDER, NO. 1, ATTACHMENT B

Guidelines for the Public Reception of the Division Commander Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island 2022-2023 Templar Year

- Reception of the Division Commander will not be marked and will be done jointly as a Division.
 - Invitations to our Ladies, Blue Lodge Brethren, Royal Arch and Council Companions and the public are suggested and encouraged
 - We encourage open Division Inspections to serve as awareness and recruitment events as well as enhancing fellowship and social time with our Sir Knights and ladies
 - The Public Reception of the Division Commander must take place after November 1, 2022, and before April 30, 2023
 - All Commanderies must submit dates for the Reception of the Division Commander to the Grand Inspector Instructor before November 30, 2023
 - Dress rehearsal should be scheduled at least one week prior to the event
 - Inspection of Commandery Charter, By-Laws, records and current IRS Form 990 must take place no later than the date set for the reception of the Division Commander

- For the Public Reception of the Division Commander
 - Reception of Division Commander
 - Count
 - Form Commandery lines
 - Sword Manual
 - Inspection
 - Omit: Pass and Review
 - Dismiss Divisions
 - Flags & Banners
 - Division Commander remarks
 - Generalissimo speaks on the charities
 - Division Commander remarks
 - Short form closing
 - Social Period and/or Dinner

GENERAL ORDER, NO. 2

Attendance at Exemplifications

It is the order of the Grand Commander that the top five officers (Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden, and Junior Warden) of each Commandery are expected to attend at least one Exemplification. The degree teams spend a great deal of time preparing for these Exemplifications, so it is important to have good representation from each Commandery to ensure that the quality of the work is maintained.

GENERAL ORDER, NO. 3

Divisional Realignment:

It is hereby ordered that the following Divisional Realignment be accomplished:

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

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

SOUTHWEST DIVISION

St. John’s No. 1.....Cranston
Holy Sepulchre No. 8..... Cumberland
Calvary No. 13..... East Providence
Narragansett No. 27..... Wakefield

NORTH DIVISION

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

SOUTH DIVISION

Godfrey de Bouillon-Washington No. 4.....Somerset
Sutton No. 16.....New Bedford
United No. 21.....Norwood
South Shore No. 31.....East Weymouth
Bay State No. 38.....Brockton
Cape Cod No. 54.....Centerville

WESTERN DIVISION

Worcester County No. 5..... Worcester
Springfield No. 6.....Feeding Hills
Milford No. 11.....Milford
Northampton No. 30.....Cummington



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 1st day of November, 2022, A.O. 904.



Eugene B. Nichols
GRAND COMMANDER

ATTEST:



Donald S. Stevens
GRAND RECORDER

