

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

Sir Knight James Ian Ogilvie
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Sir Knight Donald S. Stevens
Eminent Grand Recorder

October 28, 2023

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. 5

Greetings Sir Knights,

It is hereby ordered that, to help, support, maintain and strengthen the membership of the following Commanderies:

Sutton Commander No. 16
Cape Cod Commandery No. 54

Any Massachusetts and Rhode Island, or out of jurisdiction, Templar in good standing may apply for affiliation to any of these Commanderies without payment of fees or dues for the balance of this Templar year. In addition, the aforementioned Commanderies have also agreed to waive their fees or dues for the balance of this Templar year.

Said member must maintain his membership, in good standing, in his mother Commandery for the duration of said year. A drop/termination for any reason from his mother Commandery will result in an immediate drop/termination from any of these specific affiliated Commanderies.

The per-capita assessment will be frozen at current levels for the duration of said year, (i.e. these specific Commanderies will not be charged per-capita for the new joint members for this year). In addition, the Grand Commandery will also subsidize the Grand Encampment assessment for each Knight.

Requirements:

1. All Sir Knights engaging in this program must maintain an active membership and engagement with their home Commandery.
2. All Sir Knights engaging in this program must attend and participate in any and all Commanderies to which they affiliate from the above list, including but not limited to:
 - a. Assisting with an Officer position that may be vacant.
 - b. Assisting in any Orders in whichever capacity of office assumed or requested of and capable of performing.
 - c. Participate in the inspection work of their home and affiliated Commandery from the above listed.

Any other Commandery wishing to participate in this program should contact the Grand Recorder to register as such.

This General Order will expire and is then null and void at the end of the 2023 – 2024 Grand Commandery Templar Year. However, this General Order is made jointly with the Grand Commander and the Deputy Grand Commander, and it is expected that the presumptive next Grand Commander will continue this program.

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 28th day of October 2023, A.O. 905.

James Ian Ogilvie



GRAND COMMANDER

ATTEST:



Donald S. Stevens
GRAND RECORDER

