

# Text Messaging Via Winlink

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You can use Winlink to send SMS and MMS text messages to a cellphone. There might be an operational need to do this, and it is a great way to demonstrate the capability of Winlink to stakeholders and members of the public. The only catch is that you need to know the recipient's cellular carrier, since each carrier has their own email address for delivering text messages to their customers.

We have assembled several custom Winlink templates to streamline the process of creating text messages. The templates prompt you to select a carrier from a list, and then fill in the appropriate email address for that carrier. It is a simple matter to copy the template files to your computer, making the templates available within Winlink Express.

MCACS members can download the template files from the MCACS website. You must be logged in to access them. They can be found in a zipped file at this URL:

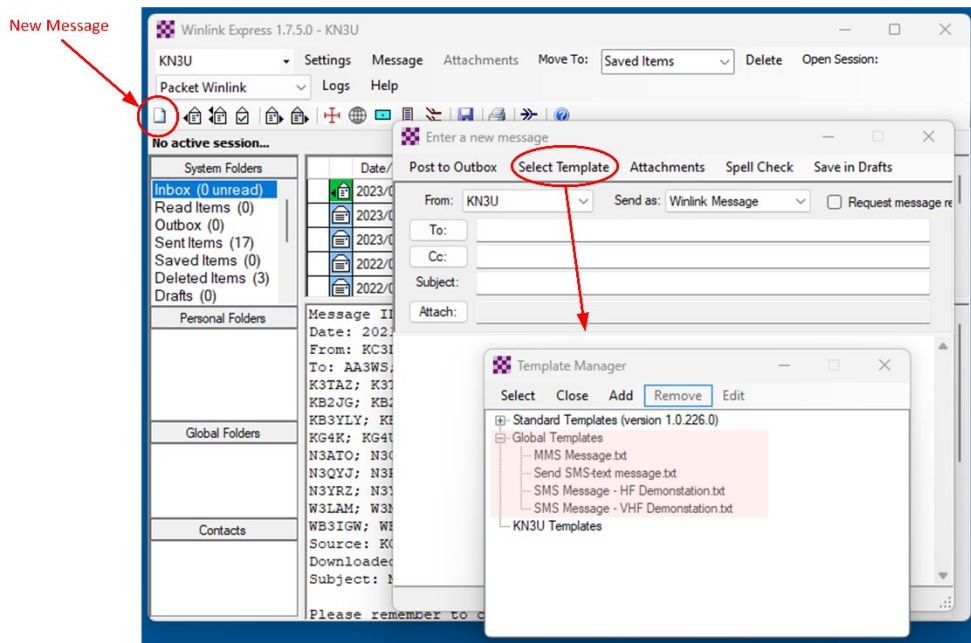
<https://mcacs.net/wp-content/uploads/Text-Message-Templates.zip>

After retrieving the zipped file to your computer, open it and save the contents to

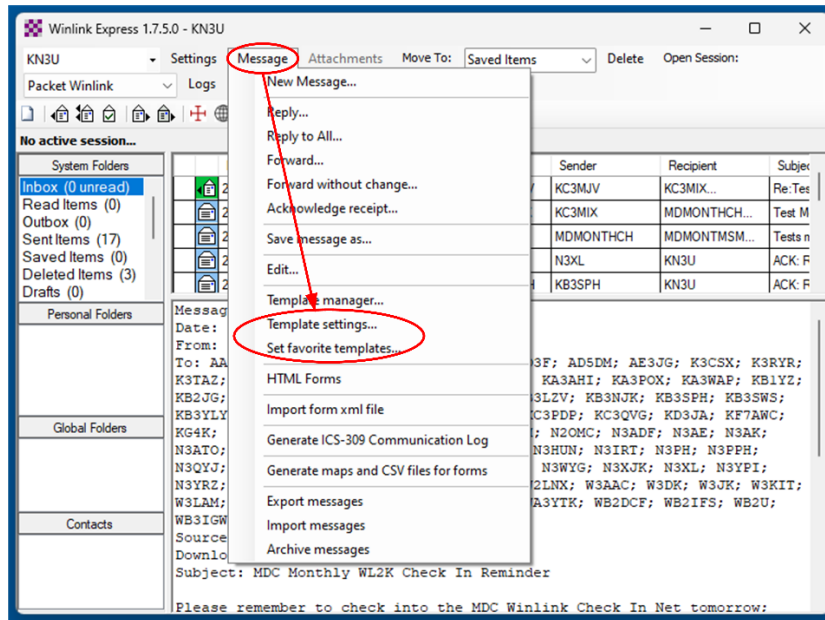
C:\RMS Express\Global Folders\Templates\

This assumes that you installed Winlink Express in the default location (C:\RMS Express). If you installed Winlink Express in a different folder, save the files there instead. In other words, place the template files in the Global Folders/Templates subfolder of your Winlink Express installation folder. If you have more than one copy of Winlink on your computer, you'll want to save the files in each of the installation folders.

Now, when you start a new message, you will have access to the custom text messaging templates, as shown on the following screenshot. Try them out to see what features they provide.



Optionally, you can designate one template to be opened by default when you start a new message. And you can designate up to three favorite templates to be displayed in the menu bar of the New Message screen. You will find these configuration options in the Winlink Express message menu, as shown below.



That's it. Please provide any feedback to KN3U.