

OKLAHOMA SUPPLEMENT

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GRAND COMMANDERS MESSAGE



As I write this month's article I am relaxing after a good Father's Day. It was also my son's 26 birthday; we celebrated by feasting and watching "The Shack". Not too many years ago my life could have been that of the main character. I had gone through a brutal divorce and custody fight. I ultimately won the battle with God's help. My wounds ran deep. The problem was, I was too stubborn to fully let go and let God take over in my life. I still was in fight mode and resisted the plan that was laid out for me. It took many years and ample loving help from God and family before I was healed.

I still see that resistance in my life. Though I am better at letting go, sometimes the stubbornness raises its ugly head and I have to stumble and fall a few times before I am reminded to let go. We all need to be reminded from time to time that there is "The One" who stands at the door and knocks. All we have to do is open the door and let him in. My prayer for each of you is that you open that door and experience that peace the world can neither give nor take away.

There are a few changes in inspection:

1: All of the paperwork inspection will be performed by your OIC. The inspector will only be responsible for grading the ritual parts of the inspection.

2: There are two inspectors assigned for each Commandery. The purpose of an inspection is not to give the Grand Commander a reason to visit you, or even for the awards but to give you an opportunity to see

you are in the ritual. We want to highlight to good as well as the areas that need work. By having multiple eyes on the work it will give you a better idea of where you stand

May the LORD *bless you and keep you*; may HE *make his face shine upon you* and be gracious to you; may The LORD lift up the light of His countenance *upon you* and give you peace.

Until next month, I remain in your service.

Donnie



R.: E.: Donnie G. Higginbotham Grand Commander, E.: James R. Taylor Jr. Grand Standard Bearer and E.: John E. King Grand Sword Bearer traveled to Mounds, OK. They met with Sir Knight Elmo Lawson in his home to present him with the Holy Land Medal for his generous \$1000.00 contribution to the Holy Land Fund to send ministers to the Holy Land.