

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA
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GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

This year we had 8 inspections, 5 open receive and close and 1 did not participate. The inspection is not to cause hardship on a Commandery. It is to make sure that the Commandery can live up to the commitment it made when it was constituted. The Grand Commandery does not include the Red Cross or the Malta Orders in its inspection. They can be done in short form. The Order of the Temple cannot be done in short form and is the crowning jewel in Christian Masonry. The order is in reality designed to carry one knight through the reason we are Christian Knights. It is not meant for Knights to sit on the perimeter and watch not participate in or feel the exultation of receiving the order personally directed at only him. This can only be done in the Knights home asylum with the Knights he will be working..

The sources of new Knights are dwindling. We need Knights that will return to the asylum with that feeling of being wanted because he was honored by those around him. Too often new Knights returning from a group knighting are never again seen in the asylum. The Order of the Temple is the responsibility of the Commanderies to give that feeling of being wanted. Our Christian forbears gave their lives for their beliefs. Is it not fitting that we learn and participate in the orders that make up the Christian organization we knowing and willingly became a part of. In the Blue lodges there are many Entered Apprentices and Fellow Crafts who did not get that feeling of belonging of that need exultation and never progressed. I realize my short comings when I could not work the balance

between work, family and Masonry. Work is the foundation of supporting the family. Family is the foundation of our lives honoring our marriage commitment and raising our children to be successful in their lives. Masonry is to improve our path in this life and help through our work to show men how to live a righteous life. Hence the saying “we take a good man and make him better”.

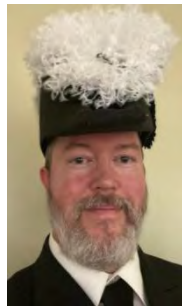
The Grand Session of the Grand Commandery Knight Templars of Oklahoma will be held on April 27, 2024. All Dias Officers are required to attend.

I thank and commend all the Sir Knights that have participated this year to further Knights Templar in Oklahoma. You are truly Soldiers of the Christ Jesus of Nazareth. With your help, this next year can be a banner year.

Yours in the Christ Jesus of Nazareth

SK John E. King

Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Oklahoma



GRAND PRELATE’S MESSAGE

John 16:29-33

“His disciples said, ‘Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.’ Jesus answered them, ‘Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.’”

Jesus’ presence with us gives us courage and peace in the midst of craziness!

In this passage, Jesus knows he is about to go through that terrible time of testing. The disciples are going to abandon him and the physical torture is going to be excruciating. What gives him peace? He says, *“and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me.”*

And in the stressful situation you face in your life today, Jesus is with you! Just as the Father was with him, so he is with you. What is Jesus’ message to you today? *“In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”* In him, you can overcome anything.

Respectfully,
Sir Knight Steven Cox
Excellent Grand Prelate



The Easter Observance for the Knight Templars of Oklahoma was held at
Muskogee



The Grand Commander presented the personalized York Rite sword to Colton Condit State DeMolay of the year at the Stillwater DeMolay.