

## OKLAHOMA SUPPLEMENT

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### MESSAGE FROM THE JUIOR WARDEN

Sir Knights,

We find ourselves once again in November and approaching the end of another year, and what a year this has been. It seems as though our entire lives have been turned upside down and our Masonic interactions is no exception. I know that many of you like myself have missed being able to fellowship with our fellow Christian Masons, Commandery is a big part of our Masonic pursuits and with our being unable to hold meetings, inspections, and confer orders it has left a hole in our lives. I urge you all to continue praying to the All Mighty for relief from this disease, and also to participate in Masonry to the extent that you are able without bringing unnecessary risk to your own health, or the health of others. It is only through our continued strength in each other that we will persevere.

On the topic of Masonic togetherness, please remember that Grand Lodge is this month and will be held electronically. Remember that we are first and always Master Masons and that it is our duty to support our Grand Lodge in its entire endeavor. With this online meeting there is no reason for anyone to miss out and it would be very beneficial for everyone, and a testament to the resolve of Masons, if we have record attendance.

Finally Knights as you know it is that time of year where we focus on family. Thanksgiving will be here soon and Christmas soon after. This may very well prove to be a very trying time for many of our older brethren (whether they be Knights or not) who may not be able to see their families this year due to travel restrictions and health concerns. We all know someone in our Lodges or in our communities who may be struggling with the isolation. Please a take a few minutes this month to reach out to these people, a simple phone call can do a lot to improve someone's moral and let them know that no matter what happens they are not alone.

Thank you all for your strength this year and lets pray that the next one will be a bit brighter.

SK John Turner, Grand Junior Warden



### MESSAGE FROM THE GRAND PRELETE

Sir Knights, as we approach Thanksgiving, I am encouraged by Scripture on why we should be thankful and to express our gratitude. This year has been a tough one for us and our loved ones, and it is easy to be anxious about the days ahead. In looking for guidance I came upon (Mathew 6:25-34).

Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Paul tells the Thessalonians to give thanks in all circumstances because God wills it (1 Thess. 5:18). I am thankful for family and for my Sir Knight brothers, we enrich each other's lives and give each other strength and fortitude. This Thanksgiving take time to reflect on that which we are thankful for and enjoy time with family and fellow Sir Knights.

SK Steven Cox, Grand Prelate