

OKLAHOMA SUPPLEMENT

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Message from the Grand Warder

"Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary, Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore—"

Such begins the famous poem *The Raven* by Edgar Allen Poe. Why this quote to open this month's somewhat of a soliloquy? The answer my friend is blowing in the wind... (Okay, I promise that's the end of poetry and song here). I have pondered what type of education, inspiration or knowledge I could impart and quite honestly I have found it difficult to come up with a really good idea. As I am sure everyone would agree, this has been a particularly hard year for all Masonic institutions, including the York Rite. We all miss the fellowship, the ritual, the projects (not to mention the food) and just in general - most everything.

As the Chairman of the Time and Place Committee for the three bodies, the question of whether we will have a Grand Session and in what manner has been a constant concern to me since last year's sessions were cancelled. Can we hold them, if so, how?

We have all tried to keep hope alive that somehow this pandemic would be brought under control and we could return to some semblance of normalcy. As of this writing there not appear to be much hope that such will occur. The Grand Officers have, however, agreed on hosting an abbreviated Grand Sessions on April 24, 2021 with the location and details to be announced

In the meantime, I can only encourage each of you to keep the faith and take care of yourself, your family and your fellow Sir Knights and brother masons. Please take all the recommended precautions: mask up, social distance when possible, limit contact with larger groups and I recommend that you take the vaccine when it is available. We can and will get through this in time, just as the song said... (but I can't remember which one). Maybe next year I won't have to.

Fraternally,
SK Jay Wall, Grand Warder

Templar History for March

Jacques de Molay was born between 1240 and 1250. He died being burned on a scaffold on an Island in the River Seine, this month March 11 or 18, 1314, 707 years ago, along with his three preceptors. The Templars were convicted of Heresy by King Philip IV of France in order to claim the wealth of the Templars to pay his debts. Jacques de Molay served as Grand Master from 1292 to 1314.

"The Order of DeMolay" now **DeMolay International** was founded in March 24, 1919 by Brother Frank S. Land in Kansas City, Missouri. It is comprised of boys aged 12 to 21 with two degrees the second of which, written by Brother Frank Marshall, honors the martyr Jacques DeMolay and his three preceptors.

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