

GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA
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GRAND COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights!

August has been a very active month with inspections and official visits to several of our Commanderies. I have thoroughly enjoyed each visit and the hospitality of our Knights is second to none.

We also traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah to attend the 69th Triennial of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. where our own RE SK Robert Rolseth was installed as our Department Commander for the South-Central Department. We congratulate SK Rolseth and look forward to his continued service and leadership to our Rite. The outgoing Department Commander, RE SK Robert Laughlin has served with distinction and the highest standards during the last 3 years. We are so fortunate to have a cadre of great Masons and leaders to step in and serve at the highest levels of our organization.

In September there are several events that you need to be aware of and we encourage you to take part in the events if it is possible. These events include the Department Conference, The Social Order of Beauceant Supreme Sessions in Tulsa and 2 cornerstone ceremonies at Stigler and Durant, OK.

We have also reached the end of our Inspection and competition season. The Commanderies who performed the Order of the Temple were so appreciated for their efforts to impress the new Sir Knights with excellent work. Those who chose to conduct the opening ceremony and receive the Grand Commandery

Officers showed great respect and genuine hospitality to us. I personally thank all the Commanderies for their efforts.

Looking ahead, the constituent Templar asylum activities now shift into the end of the year focus. Elections are around the corner and your Commandery will most likely be changing leadership. Now is the time to begin studies for your new position. Learn not only the words that are assigned to that position but look for the meaning of the work you are performing. Whether it is the Junior Warden, working the Chamber of Reflection, the Captain General, forming the lines and achieving the suitable array for the reception of the Commander, or the Generalissimo performing the important parts of that chair. Each position is equally important, and I encourage you all to take each part serious and learn.

As I close this month's State news, I thank each and every Sir Knight for the time, effort and cost to you and your family, which you give in order for us to survive as the York Rite of Oklahoma.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR LIFE!

Glen A Chaney

Rite Eminent Grand Commander of Oklahoma



RE Grand Commander with RE Charles Stuckey

**Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA
Triennial Sessions
Salt Lake City, UT
2024**



Grand Commandery of Oklahoma



Inspection of Ben Hur Commandery No. 14



GRAND PRELATES MESSAGE

Devotional: The Power of Honor

Scripture

"Honor your father and mother." — Exodus 20:12 (NIV)

Reading:

"Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor." — 1 Peter 2:17 (NIV)

Honor is more than a polite gesture or a superficial form of respect; it is a deep, heartfelt acknowledgment of the worth and value of others. In a world where values can often be fleeting and superficial, the call to honor is both a countercultural and foundational principle of the Christian life. The Bible speaks extensively about honor, beginning with the Ten Commandments, where honoring our parents is given as a directive from God. This commandment is not simply about obedience; it's about recognizing the role and sacrifices our parents have made. It's about valuing their contributions to our lives and respecting their inherent worth as individuals created in God's image.

In 1 Peter, honor is extended beyond our immediate family to everyone we encounter, including authorities and those in positions of power. This radical inclusivity challenges us to respect and value every person, not because of their status or actions, but because they are beloved children of God.

Honor in Relationships: How do you show honor to those closest to you? In your family and friendships, take time to express appreciation and respect. Listen actively, speak kindly, and act with integrity. Consider writing a note or having a conversation to acknowledge their importance in your life.

Honor in the Workplace: Treat colleagues and supervisors with respect, even when you disagree. Value their contributions and be mindful of their feelings and perspectives. Honor can be shown through acts of kindness, professional integrity, and a willingness to support and uplift others.

Honor in Society: Reflect on how you interact with leaders and people in authority. Engage in respectful dialogue, even when opinions differ. Honor does

not mean agreement, but it does mean recognizing the dignity of every person, regardless of their role or position.

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of honor. Help me to see others through Your eyes and to show them the respect and value they deserve. Teach me to honor not only those who are easy to honor but also those who challenge me. Fill my heart with Your love, so that my actions reflect Your grace and truth. May my life be a testament to Your command to honor, both in quiet moments and the public ones. In Jesus' name, Amen.

As you go about your day, ask yourself: Who in my life needs to feel honored today? How can I demonstrate honor in my words and actions? Let the call to honor guide you, and watch how it transforms your relationships and interactions, reflecting the love and respect that God extends to each of us.

Sir Knight Steven Cox, Excellent Grand Prelate