

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA  
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## **GRAND COMMANDERS MESSAGE**

Fall has arrived and the summer months provided so much activity for our Grand Commandery and the constituent Commanderies. I have visited all 14 Commanderies and have had a wonderful time meeting those of you who were in attendance during my visits.

We have just wrapped up our Department Conference in Tulsa and my hats off to all the individuals who made the event run smoothly. Our Grand Recorder, E.: SK Jon Greene, and R.:E.: SK Jim Taylor, the President of the Department Conference committee, both did so much to ensure the event success. Other Knights of course were instrumental in hosting the dignitaries and visitors that we had in attendance.

M.:E.: SK David Kussman joined us here in Oklahoma and was very complimentary to our Knights and the way we hosted the 6 States Conference. Oklahoma proudly represented our jurisdiction with pride and professionalism.

Unfortunately due to circumstances that could not be overcome, our V.: E.: Deputy Grand Commander, John Turner has resigned from the advancing line of Officers which caused a change in our current Grand Commandery Officers. With this resignation, SK John Turner will retain the title of Past Grand Generalissimo and the advancing line was elevated to their next chair. This results in E.: SK Mark McFadden being installed as the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander. Additionally, E.: SK Brian Ragain has been appointed Pro-

Temp Grand Junior Warden and his Father E.: Laverne Ragain has been appointed Grand Sentinel for the remainder of my term as Grand Commander.

Thank you all for your continued support of your Commanderies and the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma! Focus on the future by visiting your local blue lodges and help inform our Brothers about our Order. Festivals will soon be on the horizon and don't forget the Grand Senior Warden's Retreat for the State of Oklahoma will be held in January. All SK's are invited to this 3 day event in Broken Arrow, 10 - 12 January. This will share some of the Grand Commandery opportunities to serve in different capacities within the Grand Commandery.

Knighthood for Life  
Glen A Chaney  
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## **GRAND PRELATES MESSAGE**

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

### **Thoughts on the verse:**

This verse from the Bible is one of the most repeated verses of our time. Believers turn to this verse when they are going through challenging times and they cannot seem to see God's purpose through their challenges. They turn to this verse when they need relief and hope. All too often we pray to God and ask Him to make our situation better, not knowing if it is part of His ultimate plan for us. While contemplating this verse it is important to think about the future and God's ultimate purpose, and trust Him. If you pray for something and do not receive it, it is not because God is not listening. It may be because what you are praying for does not align with the purpose God has in store for you or the people around

you at this time. With that being said, God will not put you in situations that are too tough to bear. Remember, He is growing you into the person He can use for his overall purpose. And He promises you a future.

**Our Prayer:**

Dear Lord, we thank you for everything that you put into our lives. We know that everything that is presented to us is serving a purpose in our life that is ultimately lived to fulfill your higher purpose. We ask that you provide strength and peace to those going through a challenging time of growth in their lives. We pray that you assist all of us at Protected Harbor to advance your purpose that you have for our mission.

Sir Knight Steven Cox  
Excellent Grand Prelate