GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA Knights Templar State News for November 2024



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GRAND COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights of Oklahoma!

I am so honored to once again address you in the current state news article for November 2024. We are heading into the cooler weather and holiday season. Our annual Veteran's Day is this week and we also have Thanksgiving Day on the 28th. We have so much to be thankful for in our Country. We stand on the right to vote and send our chosen representatives to the capitol to guide and direct the affairs of our Nation.

Not far off, we will be gathering with our Families to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ, who we profess our Love and belief in his teachings. This is a wonderful opportunity to reaffirm our beliefs and to share the message of Him who taught love of our neighbor as we love ourselves.

Soon after we will go into 2025 with great hope! I want to inform you of a special event taking place 10-12 January in Muskogee, OK, planned and executed by your E. Senior Grand Warden. This is called the *Senior Warden's Retreat*. This is a conference of Sir Knights who are interested in learning more about the committees and work groups of the Grand Commandery.

We gather on Friday for an evening meal or social hour, then on Saturday we will enjoy many speakers that will bring information on budgets, jurisprudence, committee work and discuss the future strategic plans for the Oklahoma Knights Templar.

If you are interested in finding more information, please contact our Grand Senior Warden, Justin McGee (imchopentree@gmail.com) or the Grand Captain

General SK Bob McLeod (<u>Bob.mcleod@icloud.com</u>) who can assist you in registering for or learning more about our event.

I appreciate each one of you and if I can be of any assistance as we look forward to the remainder of the Templar year, don't hesitate to call.

We are the Soldiers of Christ! Let each us stand as just and upright Knights and Companions, so that it may be said that all of us stand for what is right, moral and just!

Knighthood for Life! SK Glen Allen Chaney RE Grand Commander



GRAND PRELATES MESSAGE

Sir Knights,

As we gather around our tables this Thanksgiving, let us take a moment to reflect on the values that unite us as a Commandery: brotherly love, relief, and truth. We give thanks for the bonds of fellowship we share, the strength we draw from one another, and the opportunity to contribute positively to the lives around us.

May this season remind us of the Light that guides our path and inspires us to continue our work with humility, charity, and integrity. Let us extend our hands and hearts to those in need and remember that our shared duty is to make the world a better place, one small act of kindness at a time.

Wishing you and your families a Thanksgiving filled with gratitude, joy, and the warmth of fellowship.

Respectfully, Sir Knight Steven Cox Excellent Grand Prelate