

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA
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GRAND COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights! As winter begins to turn to Spring we prepare for the upcoming Grand Sessions being held at the Embassy Suites on Northwest Expressway in Oklahoma City, April 24-26, 2025. Registration will be published shortly, we hope that you will all be able to join us for the events. On Thursday April 24th, the KYCH will host a banquet and installation of its' 2025-26 Officers. On Friday, we will begin the Grand Sessions with the Annual Communications of the Holy Royal Arch Grand Chapter and on that afternoon, the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons will meet. I am confident that M.:E.: Frank Belluardo and M.:I.: James R. Taylor will be overjoyed to have all our Companions and Select Masters in attendance if possible.

There will be lady's activities on Friday and Saturday so please remember your lady is also invited to be a part of the weekend. The Friday evening "Grand Banquet" is a celebration of all the York Rite Bodies and is where we will acknowledge some well-deserved Companions and Sir Knights with awards. This year is the first year we will identify Commanderies who have distinguished themselves in our newest effort, the "Knight Crusader" award.

The Grand Commandery Conclave will begin on Saturday April 26, 2025, at 9:00am. We will begin with opening ceremony and prayer, followed by a Flag salute and roll call of the Commanderies. After the introductions of our much appreciated guests and dignitaries, we will take on the business of our Grand

Commandery. We will hear the reports of several very important committees and approve the budget for the following year and elect our Officers for the New Year. So many important elements will take place, and I wholeheartedly invite you to be a part of your Grand Commandery. ***Remember the installation of our new Officers will follow the close of the annual conclave.*** Please come and support V.:E.: SK Mark McFadden as he steps into the role of our Grand Commander for the ensuing year.

They say time flies when you're having fun, and I can give a firsthand endorsement of that sentiment. The time I have been granted as a leader in our great Fraternity has presented so many rich memories for my wife and me. We owe the craft so much for trusting us to be in this position of great responsibility, which also gives great joy and reward.

I will take this time to thank all the Sir Knights that played an instrumental role in our success this year. The Grand Commandery Officers, both elected and appointed, and the many Committeemen have been the driving force in our efforts. No Knight can serve in positions of leadership without dedicated and committed Knights who carry out the tasks that get it all done. To all of you, Thank you! Your efforts and your love for our Fraternity and Order of Knights are acknowledged and sincerely appreciated.

If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or the Grand Recorder. Thank you again, Sir Knights for your Service to the York Rite of Oklahoma!

Knighthood For Life!
Glen A Chaney
Right Eminent Grand Commander



GRAND PRELATES MESSAGE

Walking in Wisdom

Scripture: *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”* — Proverbs 9:10 (NIV)

Devotional:

Wisdom is more than just knowledge or intelligence—it is the ability to apply godly insight to life’s choices. The Bible consistently teaches that true wisdom begins with a reverent fear of the Lord. This fear is not about being afraid of God, but about having deep respect, awe, and trust in Him.

When we seek wisdom, we often look to the world—books, experts, or even our own experiences. While these can provide useful knowledge, they do not always lead us in the path of righteousness. God's wisdom, however, is pure, peace-loving, considerate, and full of mercy (James 3:17). It directs our hearts toward righteousness and helps us make choices that align with His will.

King Solomon, known for his great wisdom, asked God for understanding instead of riches or power (1 Kings 3:9). Because of his humble request, God blessed him abundantly. This shows us that when we prioritize wisdom from above, God will guide and provide for us in ways beyond our expectations.

As we navigate decisions—big and small—we must seek God first. Through prayer, His Word, and the leading of the Holy Spirit, we gain wisdom to discern what is right. When we trust in the Lord and acknowledge Him in all our ways, He will make our paths straight (Proverbs 3:5-6).

Reflection Questions:

1. In what areas of your life do you need God’s wisdom right now?

2. Are you seeking wisdom from the world, or are you turning to God first?

3. How can you cultivate a deeper reverence and trust in God's guidance?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, You are the source of all wisdom. Teach me to seek You first in every decision I make. Help me to trust Your guidance and walk in obedience to Your will. Fill me with discernment so that I may reflect Your truth and love in all that I do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,
Sir Knight Steven Cox
Excellent Grand Prelate



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