

GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA
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GRAND COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights, we have hit the ground running for the 2025-2026 Templar year. The Sir Knights of Oklahoma have been busy representing us at Cornerstones the most recent of which was a triple cornerstone event in Coweta, OK.

Your State Membership Committee has also been hard at work preparing a mailing to promote this year's Grand Masters Festival to be held in Norman, OK on Saturday July 26th. Now is the time to get out and visit your area lodges to promote this wonderful opportunity for current Master Masons to join our ranks. After all, every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar! Many of our brethren want to be a York Rite Mason and don't even know it yet!

We are also entering into our annual inspections. I would like to thank those Commanderies who have already committed to and have scheduled their school as well as their inspection date. We are trying something new this year. Rather than having one Work and Tactics session in Central Oklahoma we are bringing it to you. That's right if your Commandery is planning for a full Inspection to include opening, receiving the Grand Commander, performing the Order of the Temple, and closing our Work and Tactics Chairman will schedule, at your request, a school of instruction at least 30 days prior to your inspection date. If your Commandery is not going to participate in a full inspection you will still have an opportunity to schedule a school later in the year once we have completed all of our visits to Commanderies who are doing so. You may contact our Work and Tactics Chairman Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr. REPGC for more information

and scheduling. It is my sincere hope that by bringing these schools directly to you that we will see a dramatic increase in the number of Sir Knights participating.

Finally, I would encourage every Commandery in the state to download a copy of the Knight Crusader program from our state website and to make an effort to qualify for this prestigious honor. Muskogee and Trinity Commandery both qualified during the first year of this program and I sincerely hope to see many more Commanderies recognized at our 2026 Grand Session.

Sir Knights, I look forward to seeing and meeting you all as we travel around the state. Your Grand Commandery Officers stand ready to serve you as needed. If your Commandery is in need of any type of assistance please reach out to your OIC who will be ready, able and willing to be there for you.

Sincerely,
Sir Knight Mark K. McFadden, REGC



GRAND PRELATES MESSAGE

As we enter the season of summer, the thoughts of beaches and trips come to our mind. After a year of hard labor for our employers, Masonic organizations, family, and the service of the lord we basically need rest.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

A vacation or rest does not only do your health some good; it can also rejuvenate you spiritually. We get caught up in the rat race and hustle culture that the world pushes on us. This causes us to be dull and takes away our edge.

"The apostles returned to Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat" – Mark 6:30-31

Now getting away for even a week is pretty hard now a day's E-mails, calls, social media, all these things keep us connected. When you go on vacation, to

rest, even on a trip you are a button away from being contacted. Hundred of miles away and yet you are dragged back in an instant to your work or daily problems.

Sir Knights, I hope that when you go on your vacation or to rest you are able to achieve relaxation and to come back with a new vigor for life in the service of the Lord. I would also ask that while a brother is gone to rest that we respect their time away. Do unto others After All.

I pray for the safety of all Sir Knights and their travels.

Your brother in Christ,
SK Micah Foreman
Excellent Grand Prelate