

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA
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GRAND COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights, as we enter into the month of July let us all take a moment to think about all this month stands for. We should also take a moment to think about all of the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice to assure that we are able to enjoy all of the freedoms that so many of us take for granted. As we hear during the flag presentation of our Order, "Beneath its protecting folds liberty, equality, and fraternity have become the heritage of every citizen". As Masons and especially Knights Templar we are allowed to be a part of a very special fraternity and Order that allows us to publicly display our love and devotion to the Grand Captain of our salvation. July is a very important month in our Templar year as we will hold our annual Grand Masters Festival in Norman, Oklahoma on Saturday July 26th. Once again I ask you to get out to your local Lodges and invite your fellow Master Masons to consider attending this year festival and becoming a York Rite Mason. More information and petitions are available on our state website. Lastly Sir Knights, during the Grand Masters Festival as well as during my travels around the state I will have both a special coin, the sale of which will benefit our Knights of the Holy Land Fund, as well as a specially commissioned Conclave Jewel, the proceeds of which will benefit the KTEF. The coin sells for \$25.00 and the Jewel sells for \$30.00. Muskogee Commandery has set the pace by voting to purchase a jewel and coin for each of its elected and appointed officers and challenges other Commanderies to do the same. I hope that every Sir Knight will consider supporting these fundraisers and in turn our two very important charities by purchasing these items. Sir Knights, It is truly an honor to serve as your Grand Commander this year. If there is ever

anything in regards to our Order that you are concerned about or should you have a suggestion that might be of benefit to all please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of your Grand Line officers. In His Name,
SK Mark K. McFadden,
Right Eminent Grand Commander



GRAND PRELATES MESSAGE

Sir Knights, as we celebrate the 4th of July, let us think about the age of our country. Though 248 years may seem long, it is but a second in the history of time. We rest assured knowing that God is in control, and that his will be done.

Psalm 102:12 reads, "But you, O Lord, sit enthroned forever; your renown endures through all generations."

This is still a young country. We grow and change everyday. We face new and old challenges. We've made improvements and we've made mistakes. We are only human after all. The founders and the system of governance they created are great but still man made.

Romans 3:23: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,"

They were not perfect men, just like we are not perfect. We pray that we as a country continue to follow God's will, that we show the love and mercy he has so generously shown us. Amen

SK Micah Foreman
Excellent Grand Prelate