

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF OKLAHOMA
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GRAND COMMANDERS MESSAGE

Greetings Sir Knights, We have enjoyed another great month of Templar Masonry in Oklahoma. Our July Grand Masters Festival saw over 30 fine Master Masons continue their search for Masonic Light by attending the Chapter and Council Degrees as well as the Templar Orders. Our job now is to make these new York Rite Masons feel at home by welcoming them to your York Rite Bodies local meetings, getting them involved and seeing to it that they have an enjoyable experience that keeps them engaged. Many of these men may go on to be tomorrow's leaders and as such we need to start providing them to tools now to be effective leaders. Our world today provides many challenges for those of the Christian faith. Our fraternity also faces challenges with regards to membership and finances. Sir Knights we must keep the faith. Our fraternity as well as our Order will persevere and our nation even the world depends on it. The Light and the Word of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the Grand Captain of our Salvation will guide us as we battle darkness and evil. We must make an effort to get out and talk to our fellow master masons, who, have not yet experienced the York Rite and encourage them to take the next step by filling out a petition and beginning their journey through our Degrees and Orders. Your Grand Commandery Officers have begun their annual Inspection cycle and have to date visited both Muskogee Commandery as well as Trinity Commandery. We will be traveling to Stillwater later in the month of July. Our Work and Tactics Committee has been busy conducting schools around the state. Thus far this program of bringing the schools to the local Commanderies is proving to be effective. As we continue to travel around the state I hope that you will be in attendance when your Commandery is being visited. We would love the opportunity to visit with you, answer any

questions you may have and of course just enjoy the opportunity for some fine fellowship. In September your Grand Commandery Dias Officers will be traveling to League City Texas to represent you at the South Central Conference. Your prayer for safe travel and return would be greatly appreciated. In Your Service, SK

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GRAND PRELATES MESSAGE

If there is a drawback to summer, it's when the temperature gets close to triple digits. As the outside temperature rises, so does one temperament. I for one can be quick to anger in this heat. I have to remind myself to keep it in check.

James 1:19 – 20: Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Anger is a knee-jerk reaction to many annoyances in life, but we must try to emulate the examples that Jesus has set.

Ephesians 4:31-31: Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Sir Knights, as we go to face the world may we do so slowly to anger.

Your brother in Christ,
SK Micah Foreman
Excellent Grand Prelate



2025 GRAND MASTERS CLASS OF NEW KNIGHT TEMPLARS