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To: The Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma,
The Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma,
and all Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies of Knights Templar of Oklahoma and to
Whomever it May Concern

This General Order shall be read at the head of the lines in each Constituent Commandery at the first Stated Conclave after its receipt and the action noted by the Recorder in the minutes with a copy attached thereto.



Sir Knights,

This is to inform you that Sir Knight O. Ray Harrington, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma passed away on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at 96 years of age.

O. Ray Harrington served this Grand Commandery as Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1998-1999.

From the 1999 Proceedings:

"Sir Knight Orlan Raymond Harrington, shortened to O. Ray Harrington, was born January 10, 1925 in Norwood, MO to his parents Lee and Iva Harrington. He was the second of nine children, having four brothers and four sisters.

Ray Married Arlene Teadtke on August 4, 1946. They have one child, Bruce E. Harrington, one grandson, Paul Harrington, and one granddaughter, Emily Harrington. They have one great-grandson, Michael T. Harrington.

Ray got his grade school and high school education at Vera, OK, and then joined the Navy in 1942. He entered World War II after training and served on the Aircraft Carrier "Ticonderoga" in the Pacific and South Pacific. He was just out of Tokyo Bay when the first atom bomb was dropped and was present at the Japanese surrender alongside the battleship "Missouri". After the war, Ray attended O.S.U. and received his degree in Interior Design - School of Architecture.

They moved to Oklahoma City in 1951 and he has been working in Interior Decorating. He established his own Custom Drapery shop in 19998 and has worked as a designer-decorator and manager of his business.

Brother Ray joined the Masons in 1958 and received his E.A., Fellowcraft, and Master Mason degrees in Oklahoma City Lodge No. 36. He took his Chapter, Council, and Commandery work in Cyrus Chapter No. 7, Alpha Council No. 18, and Oklahoma Commandery No 3. Ray went through the Blue Lodge line becoming Master of Lodge No. 36 in 1988. He also received his "C" certificate in 1988. Companion Ray was honored with the KYCH and went through the chairs of the Past Commanders Association and is currently a Past Knight Commander. He also went through the chairs of the Order of the Sword and Trowel and is currently a Past Thrice Illustrious Master. Ray received his order of High Priesthood. He has been awarded "The Grand Cryptic Mason of the Year" and has served the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma on the "Charters and Dispensation Committee" as Chairman in 1995. He also served as Grand Conductor of the Council in 1989-90. Ray served on the Grand Commandery Drill team for 35 years and has been to ten Triennials.

"Every Christian Mason should be A Knight Templar"

Some of Ray's other Masonic affiliations are India Shrine, Past Masters Club, Order of Amaranth (Grand Warder, Grand Sentinel, Grand Trustee Chairman, Grand Commissioner of Appeals, Deputy Grand Lecturer, Deputy Grand Royal Patron, and Grand Representative). Red Cross of Constantine, York Rite College No. 75, Knight Mason (Joe Lewis Charter Member), served as an Advisor for DeMolay in 1988 and received the DeMolay Legion of Honor in 1999.

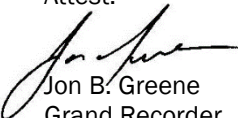
Ray started working in the Grand Commandery line in 1989 and has continued working for the good of Commanderies throughout the State and is proud to have served as your Grand Commander."

Let us remember Sir Knight Harrington for his years of faithful service and dedication to the Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

It is my order that your Charters be draped in his remembrance for 30 days.


Robert R. Rolseth
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Attest:


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