

AGENDA

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA 130th ANNUAL CONCLAVE

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 - 9:00 am.

1. APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES
2. PRELIMINARY CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
3. GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA RECONVENES
4. OPENING PRAYER BY SIR KNIGHT STEVEN E. COX, EXCELLENT GRAND PRELATE
5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
6. RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
7. ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS
8. ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS IN CHARGE
9. ROLL CALL AND RECEPTION OF KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR RECIPIENTS
10. ROLL CALL AND RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS
11. ROLL CALL OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES
12. MOTION TO APPROVE PROCEEDINGS OF THE 129TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE – Jon Greene
13. ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
14. REPORT OF THE EMINENT GRAND TREASURER
15. REPORT OF THE EMINENT GRAND RECORDER
16. REPORT FROM THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
17. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
18. FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT
19. MOTION TO ACCEPT R.E.G.C.'S ADDRESS AND ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS – Jon Greene
20. APPOINT TELLERS COMMITTEE
21. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND REFERRALS
 - a. RESOLUTION 1A, 1B, & 1C
 - b. RESOLUTION 2
 - c. RESOLUTION 3
22. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025-2026
23. REMARKS BY THE R.E.G.C. ELECT
24. REMARKS FROM VISITING DIGNITARIES
25. COMPLETION OF ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT: R.E.G.C.

OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA 2025-2026

INSTALLING RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER S.K. ROBERT R. ROLSETH, R.E.D.C.

INSTALLING EMINENT GRAND MARSHAL S. K. JAMES R. TAYLOR, JR., R.E.P.G.C.

INSTALLING EXCELLENT GRAND PRELATE S. K. TIMOTHY P. ISRAEL, R.E.P.G.C.

INSTALLING EMINENT GRAND RECORDER S. K. JON B. GREENE, GRAND RECORDER

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA
GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE 2024-2025 CHIVALRIC YEAR**

Glen A. Chaney [18]	Patti	Grand Commander
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]	Donna	Deputy Grand Commander
Trasen S. Akers [3]	Aerial	Grand Generalissimo
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]	Pam	Grand Captain General
Steven E. Cox [2]		Grand Prelate
Kent M. Israel [22]	Dana	Grand Treasurer
Elwood M. "Ike" Issacs [20, 26]	H.P.G.C.	Grand Treasurer Emeritus
Jon B. Greene [20]	Renee	Grand Recorder
Gary A. Davis [20]	P.G.C.	Grand Recorder Emeritus
Justin M. McGee [8,14]		Grand Senior Warden
Brian M. Ragain [18]		Grand Junior Warden
Michael T. Harden [2]	Sharon	Grand Standard Bearer
Matthew N. Harden [2]		Grand Sword Bearer
John E. King, Jr. [6]	Tracy	Grand Warder
T. Lavern Ragain, Jr. [18]		Grand Sentinel

Protocol

All Knights are addressed as Sir Knight, followed by their name.

Those who have particular titles are addressed as follows:

The Grand Commander is addressed with the title of respect as: Right Eminent

The Deputy Grand Commander is addressed with the title of respect as: Very Eminent

The Grand Prelate is addressed with the title of respect as: Excellent

All other Officers are addressed with the title of respect as: Eminent

Past Grand Commanders are addressed with the title of respect as: Right Eminent

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OKLAHOMA
AREA ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 2024-25 TEMPLAR YEAR**

AREA 1	Mark K. McFadden John E. King, Jr.	McAlester Commandery No. 6, K.T. Trinity Commandery No. 20 K.T.
AREA 2	Robert W. McLeod	Muskogee Commandery No. 2, K.T. Calvary Commandery No. 26, K.T.
AREA 3	Brian Ragain	Elk City Commandery No. 22 K.T. St. Aumer Commandery No. 29, K.T.
AREA 4	Lavern Ragain, Jr.	Ardmore Commandery No. 9, K.T. Lawton Commandery No. 18, K.T.
AREA 5	Justin McGee	Guthrie Commandery No. 1, K.T. Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, K.T.
AREA 6	Trasen S. Akers	Norman Commandery No. 38, K.T. Capitol Hill Commandery No. 53, K.T.
AREA 7	Glen A. Chaney (Vacancy not filled)	St. John Commandery No. 8, K.T. Ben Hur Commandery No. 14, K.T.

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA
COMMITTEES FOR THE 2024-25 TEMPLAR YEAR**

STANDING COMMITTEES

PER ARTICLE IV

CREDENTIALS:

Section 2. (a)
Bradley S. Rickelman [8] - Chairman
Steven E. Cox [2]
James R. Taylor, Sr. [20]
Jon B. Greene [20] - Ex Officio

FINANCE:

Section 2. (b)
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6] - Chairman
Trasen S. Akers [3]
Robert W. McLeod [20,2]

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE:

Section 2. (c)
James R. Taylor [20] - Chairman
John E. King [22] - Recorder
All Past Grand Commanders

WORK AND TACTICS:

Section 2. (d)
John L. Logan [29] - Chairman
James R. Taylor, Jr. [20]
Timothy P. Israel [22]

TRIENNIAL MATTERS:

Section 2. (e)
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6] - Chairman
Glen A. Chaney [18]
John T. Turner [38]

GENERAL MATTERS:

Section 2. (f)
Timothy P. Israel [22] - Chairman
Robert R. Rolseth [20]
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]

NECROLOGY:

Section 2. (g)
Steven E. Cox [2]

KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION:

Section 2. (j)
Robert R. Rolseth [20]
All Grand Commandery Officers

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION:

Section 2. (h)
2024-27f (RAM) David A. Ray [27]
2022-25 (CM) Johnny D. Allford [3]
2023-26 (KT) Timothy P. Israel [22]

YORK RITE COORDINATION:

Section 2. (i)
Glen A. Chaney [18]
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]
Trasen S. Akers [3]

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 2. (k)
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6] Chairman
N CENTRAL: Justin M. McGee [14]
N EASTERN: Jim L. Parham [20]
S CENTRAL: Brian M. Ragain [9]
S EASTERN: John E. King, Jr. [6]
N WESTERN: David Shore [29]
S WESTERN: James Oates III [18]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

PER ARTICLE V

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION

FOUNDATION/SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Section 2. (a)
Timothy P. Israel [22] - Chairman
Jay A. Wall [1]
Robert R. Rolseth [20]
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]
Trasen S. Akers [3]
Jon B. Greene [20] – Secretary/Treasurer

PRINTING:

Section 2. (b)
Jon B. Greene [20] - Chairman
James R. Taylor, Jr. [20]
Robert R. Rolseth [20]

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:

Section 2. (c)
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6] - Chairman
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]
John L. Logan [29]

COMMITTEES BY STANDING RESOLUTION

DeMOLAY:

Kenton M. Israel [22, 3] - Chairman
Timothy P. Israel [22]
Michael L. Branson [8]
Jon B. Greene [20]

INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD:

(Investment Policies, Pg. 25)
(appointed 3 years)
2024-2027 KT: Mathew A. Turner [38]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

(NOT IN CONSTITUTION, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS)

KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE:

Glen A. Chaney [18]

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES:

Jon B. Greene [20] - Chairman
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]
Jason R. Smith [18]
John R. Christopher [1]

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT:

(Formed April 25 2015)
Glen A. Chaney [18]
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]
Trasen S. Akers [3]

KNIGHTS of the HOLY LAND:

(Formed April 25 2015)
John L. Logan [29]

REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS:

Chairman – Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]
CENTRAL: Mathew A. Turner [38]
N CENTRAL: Justin M. McGee [14]
N EASTERN: James R. Taylor, Jr. [20]
S CENTRAL: Brian M. Ragain [9]
S EASTERN: Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]
S WESTERN: Roland Morales [18]
N WESTERN: Troy L. Collier [29]

PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

(Formed April 23, 2016)
Mark K. McFadden
Roland Morales [18]
John E. King [22]

LONG-RANGE PLANNING:

(Formed April 23, 2016)
Glen A. Chaney [18] - Chairman
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]
Trasen S. Akers [3]

TIME AND PLACE:

Bradley S. Rickelman [8] - Chairman
Brian A. Buswell [3]
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]
Ivan M. DeTevis [20, 8]
Jon B. Greene [20] ex-officio

GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL:

(FIELD DAY)
(Formed April 25, 2015)
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE:

(Arkansas – Kansas – Louisiana –
Missouri – Oklahoma – Texas)
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES:

(Formed April 23, 2016)
Steven E. Cox [2] - Chairman
Justin M. McGee [14]
Jon B. Greene [20]

APPRECIATION:

Justin M. McGee [14]

ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER – GLEN A. CHANEY



Companions and Sir Knights All, Grand Officers, past and present, distinguished guests and members of this Grand Commandery, it is truly my honor and a most high privilege to welcome you to the One-Hundred Thirtieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Oklahoma 2025. Thank you for choosing to be here with us for our time-honored tradition of meeting on this final weekend of April in true harmony, which concludes the current year to begin a new Templar year for our Order and our York Rite Bodies. Our Christian Order, which stands up and professes devotion to our Lord, and vows to defend the innocent maiden, the destitute widow, the helpless orphan, and the Christian religion. This weekend is full of ceremony and protocols, but our purpose today and each day of the year, is to proclaim ourselves Soldiers of Christ in the great battle for the soul of humanity.

I extend a warm welcome to R.:E.: Sir Knight David W. Studley, GCT, Right Eminent Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., and the Representative of our M.:E.: Grand Master Sir Knight David J. Kussman, GCT. Welcome to our Right Eminent South-Central Department Commander, R.:E.: Sir Knight Robert Rolseth, P.G.C. of OK, and to all of our Past Oklahoma Right Eminent Grand Commanders. Also, I welcome each and every member of the Oklahoma York Rite family who have traveled to be with us here this weekend. We hope that your travels to and from Oklahoma City have been enjoyable and that your time with us is an experience we can be proud to have brought you.

Welcome to all Commanders, Generalissimo and Captain Generals, Wardens, and other Officers, and Sir Knights of the constituent Commanderies who are here. You are the true foundation of what we do and how effective we are in doing it. I have often said that all Masonry is local and that is especially true in the York Rite. The impact that the local York Rite Bodies have on our members is immeasurable. Serving alongside all of you has made this year an honor I will be forever grateful for. It has been my honor to represent you this year as I traveled around the State. I truly pray that I have carried myself in a manner that has brought credit upon you and the cause that we hold so dear. In this address, it is my ardent desire to provide an account of my stewardship of our Grand Commandery over this last year. The decisions, dispensations, and actions have been made with the guidance of the Grand Commander of the Universe, and we thank Him, for the peace and harmony by which we have accomplished the tasks and duties of our elected and appointed offices. We are permitted, under His hand, to assemble again at our time-honored tradition of Grand Sessions and I pray for His guidance here, that all our works may be pleasing and prosperous.

To my wife, Patti, we have been on this wild ride together for over 15 years. You are an incredible woman, supporter, friend, and loving wife. The years we have spent in service to the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma have only been possible because of your love and support. It has been a whirlwind of travel. You never said no. You just always asked, "What is next?" Well, now, sweetheart, we are next. Some much deserved and very much-needed time for us. As we have served this wonderful jurisdiction, both in the Grand Lodge and this year in leadership of the York Rite Grand Commandery, there is no other person I would have ever wanted to do this with. I cannot easily put into words the level of love, respect, and thanks I have for you. The Sir Knights and Ladies of Oklahoma are lucky to have you as their First Lady, and I am so fortunate to have such a caring and kind Lady at my side through it all. You never hesitated to give your full support to the York Rite of Oklahoma. The many sacrifices you have endured, the days apart and the many interruptions for phone calls and Zoom calls, even when I promised that after a certain "other office," the time would ours, speak so highly of your commitment to us and to the service we are giving to the next generation of masons and Sir Knights. I say thank you, and the entire Fraternity of Oklahoma thanks you again for those sacrifices and all you do. During your tenure as the First Lady of Oklahoma Masonry, you exemplified your motto the "Heartbeat of Masonry,"

and now I say to you and everyone within the sound of my voice that you are the heartbeat of this man and Mason. I love you dearly. Thank you to the brothers and Ladies of Oklahoma York Rite for the continuing expressions of love and support for your First Lady of Templar Masonry this year.

To the Elected and Appointed Grand Commandery Officers – Thank you for your willingness to serve the State of Oklahoma's Grand York Rite. I have had the incredible blessing and honor to serve alongside all of you in this cause. I was always so proud to stand with you in the Commanderies of our Order while we traveled for Inspections and visits. Each one of you are special to me. Over the last 10 years, I have had the honor of being in service to the Grand Commandery. Over this period, several different men have been in and out of this group of leaders, whom I remember fondly. The men who will follow this year will undoubtedly lead well. They each have the heart and mind to inspire our Order and share the lessons that the York Rite instills. Mark, Trasen, Bob, Justin, Brian, John, Matthew, Michael T and Lavern, you all hold a special place in my Masonic journey. Thank you for your genuine friendship and I look forward to seeing each of you have the impact on Masonry that I know you are capable of.

To the Grand Recorder, Eminent Sir Knight Jon Greene, you are a remarkable source of guidance for any Grand Commander. I was hardly ever stressed because you are the gear that keeps the machine running so smoothly. You are a true asset to the York Rite body as a whole. Taking on the huge responsibility of Grand Recorder from RE Sir Knight Gary Davis was a monumental challenge that you accepted. Not only did you accept, but you have excelled at the job, and I cannot say thank you enough for your dedication to it.

To the Grand Treasurer, Eminent Sir Knight Kenton Israel, you keep the financial business of the York Rite running smoothly. Thank you for your tireless efforts to maintain these accounts and records which allows the York Rite to perform its charities and causes unimpeded. Keeping up with the three bodies' finances and, at the same time, keeping up with your active family life is a task that you make look easy. It has been a pleasure to get to know you and to see you in leadership while serving in the Grand Chapter line. Most Excellent Companion, I treasure your friendship and look forward to many, many years of Brotherhood with you.

To the Grand Prelate, Eminent Sir Knight Steven Cox, thank you for accepting my request to continue as Grand Prelate. You continue to exude love and faithfulness to the York Rite. The lessons of the great Captain of our Salvation shine through you and it is the reason he has chosen you for this special role. It was not me that selected you, it was Him. I merely listened to the guidance given to me by our Savior. As always, He was right on. Your message in the monthly State Newsletter and on the several occasions that I requested a Prelate's address was always timely and good. The message was through you but always from Him whom all love flows. Thank you for your positive demeanor and for always being the conduit of His Light to us.

To the Past Grand Commanders of Oklahoma, as I have personally watched each of the last 24 Grand Commanders (and a few older), I have learned from each one. Some were very personal to me. R.:E.:S.K.'s Dan Prior, Charles Stuckey, Dwayne Dixon, Glenn Kinsley, Gary Davis, Robert G. Davis, John L. Logan, Richard Dunaway, Erik Stuckey, Ed Becerra, Paul Currell, Tim Israel, Donnie Higginbotham, Matt McGee, Curtis Schuermann, Gary Odendahl, Robert Rolseth, James R. Taylor, Jr., and John E King, Sr. I have known each of you personally, and each of you has been a friend to me and an inspiration of leadership to follow. Every Sir Knight that enters this order has the ability and potential to serve at the highest levels. The care and guidance you gave to me taught this lesson. You mentored me through 4 terms as Commander of Lawton Commandery #18 and R.:E.: Tim Israel gave me that call on an early summer morning in 2016, which began my service to the Grand Commandery. Thank you all for the education you have given me and the support you gave to this year's efforts. I salute you all.

To my fellow Leaders of the Oklahoma York Rite, Most Excellent Companion Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., and Most Illustrious James R. Taylor, Jr., It has been my privilege and honor to serve alongside you both in leadership to our York Rite this year. Frank, I am proud of you and your willingness to step up and lead the Grand Chapter. We are reminded daily that it is not our plan that matters, it is the plan of the Great Creator. You are respected greatly, and I will stand ready to assist you over the next year as you continue as our Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma. Jim, what can I say? You have been a leader in so many different organizations to which we both belong. In each, your presence is known, and your skills are felt in the way you conduct yourself. We are so fortunate to have you leading the Grand

Council, and I doubt that your leadership in our Fraternity will end here. You and Gage have become genuine friends to Patti and me, and we have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know both.

To Our Most Worshipful Grand Masters 2024 and 2025. M.:W.: John F. Carter, and M.:W.: James R. Roderick, thank you for your leadership of our Fraternity during my service as Grand Commander. We are so fortunate to have thoughtful and caring leaders who understand and appreciate the importance of our several concordant Masonic bodies. I regret not being able to support more of the several ceremonies held in the public space and I am hopeful that we can address our Knightly support as we go forward for future Grand Masters. MW Roderick it was our esteemed pleasure and honor to extend the formal Arch of Steel for you during your installation as Grand Master in November 2024. We look forward to your continued leadership. It is my hope and prayer that the deep roots expressed in your motto are growing stronger and deeper between the Grand Lodge and Grand York Rite each day. The Oklahoma York Rite has scheduled the 2025 one-day festival in honor of MW Roderick on 26 July 2025 at Norman Lodge #38.

Necrology – The Eminent Grand Prelate will provide the report on Necrology, however, I want to take this moment to pay tribute to those Sir Knights who have laid down the working tools of life and gone to that celestial temple not made with hands. I attended several funerals this year for our Sir Knights, who have served well and left an indelible mark, not only on our lives but on our Order. I attended the services of SK Lanny R Sander, PGM, SK E. Keith Liles, PGM, SK Gerald Stegal, and SK Randy Roy Jones this Templar year. There were many others around our State that I was not able to attend but, it should remind us all that the slowly falling sands of our own lives are running out to death. We should take every opportunity to stand as Knights and Masons professing our beliefs and extending the teachings of our several Orders. May our good Knights, both near and far be welcomed into the arms of our Savior and given that awesome gift of life eternal in the service of our Lord. I also take this moment to render respect and love to our former First Lady of Templar Masonry in Oklahoma, Mrs. Nellie Davis, who also passed away this year. This special lady, the wife of RE SK Gary Davis, P.G.C., will be missed and we thank God for the moments we had to know her and enjoy her wonderful love for the Companions and Sir Knights of Oklahoma. Let us take a pause to remember all of the York Rite Companions and Sir Knights and Ladies who have come into our lives and left the memories that we fondly reflect on.

Sir Knights Attention! Uncover! Sir Knights, recover, you may be seated.

50 Year Service Awards

The Grand Commandery extends congratulations to all the Sir Knights who, this year, have attained a 50-year service award. Your dedication and service to our York Rite bodies of Oklahoma is commendable and serves as an example to all Sir Knights in our ranks. Thank you for the many years of sacrifice, and we honor your commitment to the principles of the York Rite! The names of these Knights are included in the proceedings.

Committees of the Grand Commandery

The many standing and adhoc committees of the Grand Commandery have performed their duties very well. My sincere thanks and appreciation for the committees this year performing the duties of Credentials, Time/Place, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Finance, Awards, Holy Land Pilgrimage, Work and Tactics and others. These committee members have dedicated their personal time and efforts to ensuring that things happen on time and within the high standards we have established. The reports of these and so many important committees are contained within this publication. Thank you all for your service this year, and I look forward to your continued support and service to the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma. If any Sir Knight in the State of Oklahoma desires to be of service on any of the committees of the Grand Commandery, please contact the Grand Recorder for assistance.

Observations and Recommendations

Inspections – This year, the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma had seven Commanderies participate in full inspection of the various elements prescribed by the Grand Commandery. This full inspection included the ritual of the opening of the

Asylum, the reception of the Grand Commander and his Staff, when present, the Order of the Temple and the closing of the Asylum. When performed, these elements are some of the most impressive of all the Masonic Orders being performed today. Seven out of 14 Commanderies is 50%. That being said, we *must* encourage ourselves and our fellow Sir Knights to prepare for and display the work of our Order. The lessons contained in the several Commandery degrees are designed to teach important lessons and impart further knowledge to each of our Sir Knights. Those commanderies who selected a non-competitive visit performed the opening ceremony, reception of the Grand Commander and other Officers, and closing ritual. It is greatly appreciated by any Grand Commander to be received by a Commandery. It is a great show of respect. However, the body of Masonry and the York Rite lacks the traditional practices which, in earlier times, made it the strongest fraternal body in the world. It should be our desire that all of our Commanderies become strong and competent enough to conduct these ceremonies and confer these orders on our new members.

Recommendation – create a Knight School. The development of an instructional school format that would go to the individual Commandery and teach those Knights that are currently in them how to properly execute their duties and movements. This recommendation is for the Inspectors to spend time in the same way that the Blue Lodge conducts lodge or district schools. It would be beneficial to the Commandery and Sir Knights. By selecting a day on the calendar for the Inspectors and OIC to work in concert with the Officers of the local York Rite allows us to conduct a useful and valuable training program that could have lasting effects. The goal is to bring a Commandery back to the standard of being able to confer degrees and orders on their members, which creates a strong bond between the new members and the established group within the Asylum.

Degree and Order conferral - We have developed a "one-day" program that allows for Master Masons to complete the nine degrees and orders of the York Rite at a "festival." If we are to continue this practice, it is my recommendation that we expand it into two annual events. The "Grand Masters Field Day" or "*Festival*" should continue, and I recommend adding a "winter One-Day" Festival where the York Rite does not wait an unnecessary amount of time before we can offer new Master Masons an opportunity to join us in the accelerated manner. This, in conjunction with the method of having a few of the Chapter degrees already performed, will allow for a sensible program to gain new membership early enough in the Templar year to get them ready for elections and appointments. Currently in our state, other bodies of Masonry offer multiple times and locations throughout the state to join them, and I feel we must expand the opportunities to join the York Rite. We must all remain motivated and focused on building our Order. Once a new member goes through either a one-day or a traditional pace to become a Knights Templar, we must immediately engage with them on proper movements, sword manual floor work, and protocols. This will train them in a way that is foundational instead of the current method of "watch and learn what you can once a month" mentality. Regardless of how slow or fast we make the process of joining the York Rite, it is the mentorship and engagement after the event is the crucial ingredient to success. I also believe that the passage of the proposed legislation to alter the current requirements as it relates to the uniform will positively affect the cost a Knight is faced with upon entry to the Order. We must continue to look for ways to remove the barriers to participation and this is one way I see that addressed.

Awards – Sir Knights, we have many award opportunities for our fellow members to be recognized for outstanding work and service to our Orders. We are failing in this regard. Just as few of the local York Rite Bodies have been submitting members for recognition. Appreciation and recognition is one of the best ways to maintain morale and encourage work in the Asylum. Each year should present robust competition for these awards and each of our York Rite Grand bodies look forward to presenting these acknowledgements to well-deserving Companions and Sir Knights. We must do better at these annual tasks. We have added the **Knight Crusader Award** for Commanderies to establish basic guidelines for activity and a point system that the York Rite body can track during the year. The result of the program is a category of distinction for the constituent body to be identified as a "Knight Crusader Commandery" of that particular year. We hope that this program of recognition for the commanderies will help to instill pride and esprit de corps within the ranks. This year we have two Commanderies recognized for this Award in its inaugural year. Muskogee and Trinity Commanderies and I congratulate both on this award. This is the example of commitment to activity in the Asylum. I recommend that all Oklahoma Commanderies strive to achieve this and begin to awaken the body and regain activity for the Knights. I personally thank VE SK Mark McFadden and E SK Bob McLoed for their hard work and efforts that brought this into existence.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA TEMPLARY

As we continue to see the decline in membership of the Oklahoma York Rite, I am encouraged about the future of our Order here in our State. We must never give in to the pressures of political culture or the displays of animosity and hatred witnessed on social media and other platforms. Remain aware of what moves young men. The need and desire for a spiritual connection continues, even if it is not within the walls of traditional religious institutions or churches.

The state of Chivalric Masonry in Oklahoma is strong within its ranks, however, the ranks are shrinking. We need to face the challenges of building the Order in our current cultural landscape and show that we remain a viable institution of Masonry. Christian Knighthood is needed more now than ever, and it is up to all of us to fight this battle for the soul of humanity and the battle ends when we win. The Light of salvation, given us by the Great Captain of our Salvation, is the true Light and way of all mankind. Our foundation remains strong even when our branches and leaves are under the intense pressure of the winds of change. But Sir Knights, **words are a mere substitute for Action.** We must all be willing to stand and fight for the future of the York Rite! Our beginnings were founded in stone, but those stones can quickly turn to ice cubes and melt away if we are not willing to commit to being the Sir Knights that will eventually win the Battle. Get involved! Whether it is at your local Commandery or if you desire to serve on a Grand Commandery committees or elected and appointed positions. They all need good Knights and a wholehearted effort if we are to succeed. Christian Knighthood begins with each Sir Knight being and acting as a Knight in all they do. As Jesus taught us, **Love one another** in the York Rite and in the Masonic Orders and Family. We are not required to agree with every other Knight in issues of political or societal topics, just as we do not require the love of every item on a menu to eat at our favorite restaurant. We must love each other because we are fellow men in a common cause to better the world and ourselves. As Knights Templar, we promise to fight for and defend the Christian Religion when called upon. I say to you all, **pray**, and **exercise**. The battle for your mind, body, and spirit is upon us, and we must do both if we are to win this battle.

This year, we have focused on commitment, proficiency, courage, and the evolution of the Oklahoma York Rite. We unfortunately lost one York Rite Body in Midwest City, but we built to one in Oklahoma City through the consolidation process. Let us find a way to reflect on this as a positive and not negative change. I thank those Sir Knights who faced this challenge head-on, and I appreciate all of you showing that same gratitude to those who serve with a whole heart.

This is the final message I will give as Grand Commander of the Oklahoma Grand Commandery, but I look forward to supporting the upcoming Officers and the future lines for years to come. I return to the labor in the quarries of the Asylum, where we teach, mentor, and guide new pilgrims on their way to that holy sepulcher. V : E : . SK Mark McFadden, you are a proven leader and true Sir Knight who will, without doubt, lead us with great vision and fortitude into the next phase of our journey here in Oklahoma. I stand ready to serve you and the Grand Commanders to follow you in all that you request or require of me.

In closing, Sir Knights, I am hopeful that my service to you in this office of leadership within our Grand York Rite has reflected well upon all of you. It has been my highest honor to have been selected to join this line of Officers and to culminate as the 2024-25 Grand Commander. I have a memory to share of this year as I visited a constituent Commandery for their annual inspection of the Order of the Temple. In meeting the Brother who was to go through the Order of the Temple that evening, I was speaking to him for a few moments when it dawned on me that this young man, on a different day several years ago, was me. That standing before me was a Brother and soon to be Sir Knight that in fact someday in the future, could surpass any or all of my achievements in the Fraternity. I then prayed that whatever God had in store for this brother, whether it be dedicated service in the Asylum, esteemed titles or decorations, may he and all of us remain grounded as Brothers and Companions and Sir Knights. That we will all continue to perform our duties in the best interest of Masonry and our gentle Craft. One of the greatest beauties of Masonry is the parallel it displays to our lives. We enter as apprentices in youth. We move from beginner to learner, from learner to teacher, and from teacher to mentor to advisor. All the way through our lodges, our asylums, and our lives to our elder years, may we live respected and die regretted. Then begin again at the right hand of our Creator, through our Savior Jesus Christ. I wish all of you and the entire Masonic family of Oklahoma jurisdiction the best and most prosperous future. Our time is now, but the time of our children and our children's children are in a future that we are creating by our every action. We will all eventually be reduced to words or descriptions in history books. As we take each and every action that either

supports or tears at the foundation of our Fraternity, we must always ask ourselves, what will the pages of history say about what we did here this year? I remain indebted to you all for this amazing experience. God Bless you all and may the Captain of our Salvation, the blessed Emmanuel, continue his blessings on all of us.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR LIFE!

Glen A Chaney, Grand Commander of Oklahoma 2024-25

ITINERARY OF THE GRAND COMMANDER 2024-2025

This is the official itinerary for the Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma for the Templar year 2024 – 2025

April 27, 2024

Installation ceremony for the incoming Grand Commander, SK Glen A. Chaney. Embassy Suites Hotel located at Northwest Expressway, OKC, OK. All Elected Grand Commandry Officers were installed. I appointed the following Grand Commandry Officers: Em. SK John E. King, Jr., Grand Warden; Em SK Brian Ragain, Grand Standard Bearer, Em SK Matthew Harden, Grand Sword Bearer, Em SK Michael T. Harden, Grand Sentinel. All were duly installed.



May 4, 2024

Attended the Red Cross of Constantine, Prince of Peace Conclave Spring Meeting at Catoosa, Oklahoma.

May 11, 2024

Attended the All-Masonic Day activities at Edmond Lodge #37. Bodies meeting and introducing the Grand Commander were the Oklahoma S.R.I.C.F., the Allied Masonic Degrees of Father Murrow Council, Knight Masons of the USA, and the Oklahoma York Rite College.

May 18, 2024

Attended the Knights of York Cross of Honor stated meeting in Stillwater, OK, Frontier Lodge #48.

May 25, 2024

Attended the Oklahoma Grand Assembly for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, OU Campus Norman, OK – Grand Cross of Color Banquet.

May 26, 2024

Attended the Oklahoma Grand Assembly for the International Order of Rainbow for Girls, OU Campus Norman, OK – General Grand Banquet and Program.

May 30, 2024

Hosted an online Grand Commander's Zoom conference.

June 11, 2024

Woodward, OK to attend St. Aumer Commandery #29. Em. SK Troy Collier Commanding, performed open, reception of GC Officers and close.

June 13, 2024

Norman to attend Norman Commandery No. 38. Em. Commander SK John Guinn Commanding, performed open, reception of GC Officers and close.



June 24, 2024

Tulsa, OK to attend Trinity Commandery #22 Inspection. Em. Commander SK Mic McConnel, Commanding, performed the opening ceremony, received the Grand Commander, and staff. Trinity performed the Order of the Temple under the Command of SK McConnel. The Commandery was closed in due form.

June 29, 2024

Norman, OK, accompanied by the MEGHP and the MIGM to attend the Annual Conclave of the Order of DeMolay of Oklahoma.

July 16, 2024

Elk City, OK, to attend the Elk City Commandery #22 Inspection. Eminent Commander SK David Brooks, Commanding. The Commandery performed the opening ceremony and received the Grand Commander and staff.

July 19, 2024

Midwest City, OK, to attend the Capitol Hill Commandery #53 inspection. Eminent SK Al Dean is the duly installed Commander but was not present. Neither the elected Generalissimo nor the elected Captain General were present. As Grand Commander, I opened and presided over Capitol Hill Commandery and under the written authority of Blaine McKnight, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, and James R. Taylor, Jr., the Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, opened all York Rite bodies of Capitol Hill. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to consolidate the Capitol Hill York Rite Bodies with the Oklahoma City York Rite Bodies. The Charters and official seals were secured by the Grand Recorder and remanded to the Oklahoma Grand York Rite Recorder.

July 22, 2024

McAlester, OK to attend McAlester Commandery #6. SK Ronald Gragg, Commanding. The Commandery performed the opening ceremony, reception of GC Officers, and the Grand Commander closed in due form.



July 24, 2024

Oklahoma City, OK, to attend Oklahoma Commandery #3. SK James D. Nobles, Commanding. Oklahoma #3's Commander performed Opening Ceremonies and received the Grand Commander and Staff. Grand Commander Closed in due form.

July 27, 2024

Norman, OK, to attend the Grand York Right Festival in honor of our M.:W.: Grand Master, John F. Carter, MOH. The Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery oversaw all degrees for 52 new Knights for Oklahoma. Degrees were performed by degree teams from around Oklahoma.



July 29, 2024

Oklahoma City, OK, to attend the Oklahoma City Lodge #36 Past Master and Widow honor dinner.

July 31, 2024

Oklahoma City, OK to attend the District 21 meeting at Oklahoma City to represent the Grand York Rite of Oklahoma

August 6, 2024

Lawton, OK to attend Lawton Commandery #18, Em. SK James Oates III, Commanding. Lawton #18 Commander performed Opening Ceremonies and received the Grand Commander and Staff. A full inspection of the Order of the Temple under the command of the EM SK Oates was enjoyed. The Commandery was closed in due form.



August 8, 2024

Guthrie, OK to attend Guthrie Commandery #1, Em. SK David Tennison, Commanding. Guthrie #1 Commander performed Opening Ceremonies and received the Grand Commander and Staff. A full performance of the Order of the Temple under the command of the Eminent SK Tennison was observed. The Commandery was closed in due form.



August 12, 2024 Ardmore, OK, to attend Ardmore Commandery #9. SK William D. Hardin, Commanding. Ardmore #9 Commander performed Opening Ceremonies and received the Grand Commander and Staff. Grand Commander Closed in due form.

August 14, 2024 Muskogee, OK, to attend Muskogee Commandery #2, Em SK Steven Cox, Commanding. Muskogee Commandery performed Opening Ceremonies and Reception of the Grand Commander and Staff. A full performance of the Order of the Temple under the command of EM SK Cox was observed. The Commandery was closed in due form.



August 17-22, 2024 Salt Lake City, UT, with the VE Deputy Grand Commander SK John Turner, the Em. Grand Generalissimo SK Mark McFadden, the Em. Grand Captain General T.S. Akers, the Em. Grand Senior Warden Robert "Bob" McLoed, the Em. Grand Junior Warden SK Justin McGee with four Past Grand Commanders, RE SK John Logan, RE SK Tim Israel, RE SK Matt McGee, and RE SK Robert Rolseth to attend the 69th Triennial Sessions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA. M.: E.: SK David Kussman presided.



August 27, 2024

Ponca City, OK, to attend Ben Hur Commandery #14, Em. SK Tyler Evans, Commanding. Ben Hur #18 Commander performed Opening Ceremonies and received the Grand Commander and Staff. A full performance of the Order of the Temple under the command of the EM SK Evans was observed. The Commandery was closed in due form. RE SK Charles Stuckey, P.G.C., in attendance.



August 28, 2024

Stillwater, OK to attend St. John's Commandery #8. SK Ryan Frederick, Commanding. St. John's #8 Commander performed Opening Ceremonies and received the Grand Commander and Staff. The Commandery was closed in due form.



September 17, 2024 Bartlesville, OK, to attend Calvary Commandery # 26, Em. SK John Wertz, Commanding. Calvary Commandery performed the opening ceremony and received the Grand Commander and Staff as well as the MEGHP Blaine McKnight and the MIGM James R. Taylor, Jr. This meeting was called to discuss the future of the York Rite Bodies at Bartlesville.



September 19, 2024 Durant, OK, to attend the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of Oklahoma Cornerstone Ceremony at the Durant (Bryan County) EMS station. M.:W.: John F. Carter presiding.

September 20-22, 2024 Tulsa, OK, to attend the 69th Annual South Central Department Conference for the York Rite of Freemasonry at the Doubletree Hotel. The Grand Master, M.:E.: SK David Kussman in attendance and R.:E.: SK Bob Rolseth presided.

September 24-25, 2024 Tulsa, OK, to attend the Social Order of the Beauceant, Supreme Assembly. Supreme Worthy President presiding. Brought greetings and welcome from the Oklahoma Sir Knights.

October 12, 2024 McAlester OK to attend the Fall Reunion of McAlester Scottish Rite. Attended Opening Ceremonies and introduced as the REG of Oklahoma.

October 19, 2024 Edmond, OK to attend the All Masonic Day activities of the SRICF, Knight Masons, Allied Masonic Degrees, the Phililathes Society, and York Rite Sovereign College of Oklahoma.

October 21, 2024 Guthrie, OK. Attended the Order of Eastern Star Grand Chapter Sessions. Brought greetings on behalf of all Oklahoma York Rite.

November 2, 2024 Guthrie, OK. Attended Guthrie Scottish Rite Opening ceremonies

November 9, 2024 Guthrie, OK. Attended the 116th Annual Communications of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, introduced as R.E.G.C. of Oklahoma with M.:E.: Frank J. Belluardo and M.:I.: James R. Taylor, Jr. accompanying.

December 25, 2024 Lawton, OK. Attended the Christmas Observance at Lawton York Rite Bodies. Accompanied by the EGJW, SK Brian Ragain, the EGS, SK Laverne Ragain (Cdr of Lawton York Rite).

January 4 2025 Hennessey, OK. Attended the Funeral of SK Gerald Stegall, PHP, PIM of Elk City York Rite, graveside services.

January 14, 2025 Woodward, OK. Attended the stated meeting and Order of the Temple Ceremony for SK Garrett Lee Collier. Eminent Sir Knight Troy Collier, Commanding.

January 26, 2025 Tulsa, OK. Attended the Awards Program for the Oklahoma DeMolay and awarded the 2024 DeMolay of the Year Award and York Rite Sword to Lucas Pitt.

January 27, 2025 Guthrie, OK. Attended the Funeral of SK Randy Roy Jones, held at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple.

February 15, 2025 Seiling, OK. Attended the Funeral of SK Lanny R. Sander, Past Grand Master of Oklahoma.

March 22, 2025 Tulsa, OK, to attend the Tulsa Scottish Rite Spring Reunion, introduced as RE Grand Commander.

- April 4, 2025 Guthrie, OK, to attend the Guthrie Scottish Rite Spring Reunion. Attended Opening Ceremonies and was introduced as the RE Grand Commander of Oklahoma.
- April 11, 2025 Drumright, OK to attend the M.W. Grand Lodge Cornerstone Ceremony at the Drumright Public Schools. M. W. James R. Roderick, Grand Master presiding.
- April 12, 2025 McAlester, OK, to attend the Spring Reunion of McAlester Scottish Rite. Attended Opening Ceremonies and was introduced as the RE Grand Commander of Oklahoma.
- April 19, 2025 Lawton, OK to conduct the 2025 Easter Observance of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma. Eminent SK Lavern Ragain, and the Lawton York Rite Bodies, hosting.
- April 24, 2025 Oklahoma City, OK to attend the Annual Knights of York Cross of Honor meeting..
- April 24-26, 2025 Oklahoma City, OK. Oklahoma York Rite Grand Sessions, **End of Tour.**

I extend special thanks to those Grand Commandery Officers and others who traveled with me to these special events. The miles may be long, but when done with Brothers, it becomes the greatest pleasure and Masonic experience we can have.

DISPENSATIONS AND ACTIONS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

The following dispensations were issued in this Templar year:

- June 13, 2024 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 14, Paragraph b, subsection 1, of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to Lawton Commandery No. 18 to temporarily move its Charter to Mt. Scott Lodge No. 540, located in Lawton, Oklahoma, for the evening of their Inspection on August 6, 2024. The Assylum, located at 702 SW "C" Ave., is not airconditioned. For the comfort and safety of those in attendance, the Charter needs to be temporarily located to a Masonic Lodge with air conditioning.
- July 18, 2024 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 14, Paragraph b, subsection 1, of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to McAlester Commandery No. 6 to temporarily move its Charter to McAlester Lodge No. 9, located at 2125 N. Main, McAlester, Oklahoma, until the power is restored in their Asylum. The McAlester Scottish Rite, located at 2nd and Adams, the domicile of McAlester Commandery No. 6, was struck by lightning and doesn't have power.
- September 6, 2024 In accordance with Article XI of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to allow the wear of the Summer Uniform until the end of my term. This includes the wearing of the Summer Uniform at the Annual Grand Conclave with the exception of any banquets which will require the full dress uniform. Additionally, all elected and appointed Grand Commandery Officers are required to be in Full Dress Uniform for the entirety of the Annual Grand Conclave.
- October 18, 2024 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to Calvary Commandery No. 26 to allow Calvary Commandery to hold its annual election of Officers on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, in lieu of Tuesday, December 17, 2024.
- November 12, 2024 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to Trinity Commandery No. 20 to allow Trinity Commandery to hold its annual election of Officers on Monday, November 25, 2024, in lieu of Monday, December 23, 2024.
- November 18, 2024 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to McAlester Commandery No. 6

to allow McAlester Commandery to hold its annual election of Officers on Monday, November 25, 2024, in lieu of Monday, December 23, 2024.

November 18, 2024 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to Muskogee Commandery No. 2 to allow Muskogee Commandery to hold its annual election of Officers on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, in lieu of Tuesday, December 24, 2024.

February 27, 2025 In accordance with Article XIX, Section 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I hereby issue a dispensation to Calvary Commandery No. 26 to allow Calvary Commandery to elect a Senior Warden on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at its Stated Conclave. This is due to the elected Senior Warden declining to be installed after the election of Officers.

The following actions were taken in this Templar year:

September 22, 2024 During this Department Conference, I received the emailed resignation of our V.: E.: Sir Knight John Turner, Deputy Grand Commander 2024-25. The resignation was accepted, and on the following morning, I installed SK Mark McFadden as the V.: E.: Dep GC and moved all other line officers up one position. SK Brian Ragain was appointed as pro-temp Grand Junior Warden, SK Michael T. Harden as Grand Standard Bearer, and SK Truman Lavern Ragain as the Grand Sentinel, pro-temp for the remainder of the 2024-25 Templar year.

September 17, 2025 I, as Grand Commander, visited Bartlesville Commandery after information concerning the inability to open or conduct business was established. During the meeting, the members of the Commandery present gave an overview of their plans to move forward and regain some of the necessary actions and practices to strengthen the Bartlesville York Rite bodies. After conversation and much communication on the subjects, it was decided that Bartlesville would continue to operate with the Grand Recorder and the Deputy Grand Commander, attending their future meetings and overseeing the elections/installations of incoming officers. These Grand Commandery Officers will report to the Grand Commander at regular intervals to monitor their performance and ensure adherence to the Laws and Regulations of the State of Oklahoma and the Grand Encampment, USA.

October 23, 2024 The Grand Commandery Officers, along with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council Officers, met in a special session via Zoom to discuss the need for and gain consent from all attendees to execute a multi-year contract with the Embassy Suites to hold the Grand Sessions of Oklahoma York Rite through the year 2027. On October 23rd, the S.K.s in attendance presented no opposition to the above action, and having passed through the Committee on Jurisprudence (see report of the Jurisprudence Committee), I gave the consent to the Time and Place Committee to act with the committees of the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council to execute said action. The same action was taken by the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Oklahoma.

GENERAL ORDERS

The following General Orders were issued this Templar year:

General Order No. 1 This General Order consists of the Grand Commandery Officers, Committees, and Officers-in-charge for the Templar Year 2024-2025.

General Order No. 2 This General Order is to provide for the Annual Inspections of the Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction during June, July, and August 2024.

General Order No. 3 This General Order is to provide for the allowance of a virtual Conclave. A virtual Conclave may be held in events of extraordinary circumstances only. Those circumstances may include

inclement weather where it is too dangerous for the Sir Knights to be driving to an in-person Stated Conclave.

No ritual shall be performed and actual business will be discussed. These will not be general "chat" sessions.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, and the Officer In Charge will receive the meeting invitation, and that one, if not all three, will attend.

General Order No. 4 This General order consists of filling a vacancy in the Grand Commandery line as a result of the resignation of Sir Knight John T. Turner, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.

General Order No. 5 This General order consists of the announcement of the 2025 Grand Commandery Conclave.

Glen A. Chaney

Right Eminent Grand Commander 2024-25

REPORT OF THE EMINENT GRAND TREASURER – KENTON M. ISRAEL

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma
 These Accounts are all held at Morgan Stanley
 For the period ending December 31st, 2024

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
General Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$92,397.48
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	\$ (1,896.43)
Dividend/Interest Earned	\$ 3,179.19
Appreciation	<u>3,528.78</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$97,209.02

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
Perpetual Membership	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 269,019.88
Deposits	\$ 2,295.00
Withdrawals	\$ (7,411.42)
Dividend/Interest Earned	\$ 9,029.67
Appreciation	<u>5,294.60</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$278,227.73

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
Holy Land Endowment Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 117,143.89
Deposits	\$ 3,000.00
Withdrawals	\$ -
Dividend/Interest Earned	\$ 4,102.20
Appreciation	<u>2,384.93</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$126,631.02

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$4,151.85
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Appreciation	<u>211.91</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$4,363.76

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
Joint Account-Membership Development	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2024	\$73,217.48
Deposits	152.96
Withdrawals	-152.96
Dividend/Interest Earned	2,549.22
Appreciation	<u>2,803.53</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2024	\$78,570.23

The stock market in 2024 was characterized by a mix of volatility and cautious optimism, as we navigated economic challenges, geopolitical risks, and shifting monetary policies. With inflation showing signs of moderation in some regions, central banks, particularly the Federal Reserve, took a more dovish approach. Interest rates remained elevated for much of the year, though some easing occurred toward the end of the period as inflation pressures eased.

Investor sentiment in 2024 was influenced by global economic conditions. In the U.S., the market saw moderate growth, with defensive sectors like utilities, healthcare, and consumer staples outperforming more cyclical or speculative industries. These sectors offered stability and solid dividend yields. High-growth sectors like technology and clean energy experienced significant volatility, as investors grappled with concerns about valuations and regulatory uncertainty.

International markets also faced challenges, with Europe struggling under economic stagnation and geopolitical tensions in Eastern Europe. However, emerging markets showed potential, particularly in regions focused on technology, green energy, and infrastructure development, though risks remained due to political instability and currency fluctuations.

In 2025, through Q1, our accounts are up 1.41% while the market is down 3.91% in that same time. I believe we have the right conservative portfolio. In 2024, we also received more dividends and interest than in years past. Morgan Stanley has been good to work with, and I appreciate Jon Greene and his work when he receives all the money that goes into these different accounts.

Perpetual Membership Account Information

865 Total Members at 12/31/2024

3 New Members in 2024

401 Living Members

464 Deceased Members

Interest/Dividends earned in 2024: \$9,029.67

Div/Int distributed to Grand Commandery in 2025 for Div/Int earned in 2024: \$4,148.41

Div/Int distributed to Local Commanderies in 2025 for Div/Int earned in 2024: \$4,865.56

Last year, for comparison.

Interest/Dividends earned in 2023: \$7,514.41

Div/Int distributed to Grand Commandery in 2024 for Div/Int earned in 2023: \$3,663.47

Div/Int distributed to Local Commanderies in 2024 for Div/Int earned in 2023: \$3,849.88

We added 3 new members to our Perpetual Members list in 2024. We had much larger dividends and interest earned in 2024, that were able to be paid out in 2025. This is very good news.

Thank you all for the opportunity to serve as Grand Treasurer this year, it has been an honor.

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Respectfully submitted,
Kenton M. Israel [22, 3]

REPORT OF THE EMINENT GRAND RECORDER – JON B. GREENE

Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2023 End: 12/31/2023

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

Grand Commandery of Oklahoma

Stationed at Tulsa, OK

Total Working Commanderies = 14

The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.

Total number members on last return =		<u>1,172</u>
Total number KNIGHTED =	<u>69</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>5</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>4</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>78</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>5</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>33</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>37</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>75</u>	
Net Gain (Net Loss) =		<u>3</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		<u>1,175</u>

Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2024 End: 12/31/2024

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

Grand Commandery of Oklahoma

Stationed at Tulsa, OK

Total Working Commanderies = 13

The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.

Total number members on last return =		<u>1,175</u>
Total number KNIGHTED =	<u>64</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>105</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>5</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>174</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>116</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>48</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>36</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>200</u>	
Net Gain (Net Loss) =		<u>(26)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		<u>1,149</u>

RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

No.	Name	2023 Members End of Year	Knighthood	Admitted	Reinstated	ADD Adjustment	Demitted	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled/Withdrawn	DELETE Adjusted	Net Gain or (Loss)	2024 Members End of Year	Perpetual Members	Unable to Pay	KTEF Life (Not Perpetual)
1	Guthrie	68	5	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	69	19	0	52
2	Muskogee	123	7	0	1	0	5	14	3	0	0	(14)	109	38	0	69
3	Oklahoma	119	11	97	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	102	221	88	4	55
6	McAlester	96	1	1	0	0	2	1	5	0	0	(6)	90	29	0	56
8	St. John's	54	4	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	(1)	53	21	0	33
9	Ardmore	57	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	61	12	0	8
14	Ben Hur	50	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	(4)	46	26	0	7
18	Lawton	100	2	0	1	0	1	13	4	0	0	(15)	85	18	0	16
20	Trinity	174	9	1	0	0	4	4	6	0	0	(4)	170	71	6	100
22	Elk City	80	3	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	(1)	79	33	0	15
26	Calvary	42	6	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	45	9	0	11
29	St. Aumer	32	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	18	0	15
38	Norman	86	7	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	3	89	17	0	20
53	Capitol Hill	94	4	0	2	0	98	0	2	0	0	(94)	0	0	0	0
	Totals	1175	64	103	5	0	116	46	36	0	0	(26)	1149	399	10	457

No	Name	Dues	Fees	Grand Commandery Per Capita	Grand Encampment Per Capita	DeMolay	KTEF	Holy Land Pilgrimage	Net Amount	Perpetual Member Per Capita Return	TOTAL
1	Guthrie	\$37.00	\$75.00	\$750.00	\$450.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$138.00	\$1,350.50	\$236.36	\$1,586.86
2	Muskogee	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$1,065.00	\$639.00	\$17.75	\$2.00	\$218.00	\$1,941.75	\$503.95	\$2,445.70
3	Oklahoma	\$35.00	\$75.00	\$1,935.00	\$1,197.00	\$32.25	\$78.00	\$442.00	\$3,684.25	\$801.15	\$4,485.40
6	McAlester	\$30.00	\$75.00	\$915.00	\$549.00	\$15.25	\$5.00	\$180.00	\$1,664.25	\$265.33	\$1,929.58
8	St. John's	\$36.00	\$75.00	\$480.00	\$288.00	\$8.00	\$0.00	\$106.00	\$882.00	\$187.49	\$1,069.49
9	Ardmore	\$34.00	\$75.00	\$735.00	\$441.00	\$12.25	\$41.00	\$122.00	\$1,351.25	\$134.44	\$1,485.69
14	Ben Hur	\$44.00	\$115.00	\$300.00	\$180.00	\$5.00	\$13.00	\$92.00	\$590.00	\$209.48	\$799.48
17	Lawton	\$30.00	\$75.00	\$1,005.00	\$603.00	\$16.75	\$51.00	\$170.00	\$1,845.75	\$299.23	\$2,144.98
20	Trinity	\$48.00	\$110.00	\$1,395.00	\$891.00	\$23.25	\$0.00	\$340.00	\$2,649.25	\$766.83	\$3,416.08
22	Elk City	\$56.00	\$100.00	\$690.00	\$414.00	\$11.50	\$31.00	\$158.00	\$1,304.50	\$267.85	\$1,572.35
26	Calvary	\$40.00	\$60.00	\$540.00	\$324.00	\$9.00	\$25.00	\$90.00	\$988.00	\$144.54	\$1,132.54
29	St. Aumer	\$35.00	\$85.00	\$210.00	\$126.00	\$3.50	\$0.00	\$64.00	\$403.50	\$145.77	\$549.27
38	Norman	\$55.00	\$75.00	\$1,080.00	\$648.00	\$18.00	\$52.00	\$178.00	\$1,976.00	\$177.00	\$2,153.00
53	Capitol Hill	\$37.00	\$85.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Totals			\$11,100.00	\$6,750.00	\$185.00	\$298.00	\$2,298.00	\$20,631.00	\$4,139.42	\$24,770.42

2024 Grand Commandery Budget Actual VS Budget

	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
4000 - ANNUAL RETURNS			
4010 - Oklahoma Per Capita	11,220.00	11,220.00	0.00
4020 - Grand Encampment Assessment	6,858.00	6,858.00	0.00
4030 - KT Eye Foundation Assessment	405.00	405.00	0.00
4050 - DeMolay Donation	187.00	187.00	0.00
Total 4000 - ANNUAL RETURNS	18,670.00	18,670.00	0.00
4100 - INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME			
4110 - PEM INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	3,663.47	3,663.47	0.00
4120 - Interest Income	1,000.00	2,618.44	-1,618.44
Total 4100 - INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	4,663.47	6,281.91	-1,618.44
4200 - FEES/DONATIONS			
4210 - Order Fees	1,266.00	1,000.00	266.00
4220 - Dispensation Fee	30.00	20.00	10.00
4230 - Reinstatement Fee	20.00	10.00	10.00
Total 4200 - FEES/DONATIONS	1,316.00	1,030.00	286.00
4300 - RESALE			
4310 - Ritual Resale	570.00	300.00	270.00
4320 - Misc. Resale	0.00	0.00	0.00
4330 - PGC Jewel Purchase	100.00		
Total 4300 - RESALE	670.00	300.00	370.00
4600 - MISC INCOME			
4620 - KTEF Donations	885.50	300.00	585.50
4650 - MISC INCOME - Other	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 4600 - MISC INCOME	885.50	500.00	385.50
Total Income	26,204.97	26,781.91	-576.94
Gross Profit	26,204.97	26,781.91	-576.94
Expense			
5000 - STAFF			
5010 - Grand Recorder Salary	6,750.00	6,750.00	0.00
5020 - Payroll Taxes	577.34	577.32	0.02
5030 - Grand Treasurer's Expenses	0.00	200.00	-200.00
Total 5000 - STAFF	7,327.34	7,527.32	-199.98
5100 - ASSESSMENTS			
5110 - Per Capita- G.Encampment/KTEF	11,115.00	7,263.00	3,852.00
5130 - DeMolay Donation	300.00	300.00	0.00
Total 5100 - ASSESSMENTS	11,415.00	7,563.00	3,852.00

2024 Grand Commandery Budget Actual vs. Budget – Continued.

	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS			
4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	11,220.00	11,220.00	0.00
4020 · Grand Encampment Assessment	6,858.00	6,858.00	0.00
4030 · KT Eye Foundation Assessment	405.00	405.00	0.00
4050 · DeMolay Donation	187.00	187.00	0.00
Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS	18,670.00	18,670.00	0.00
4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME			
4110 · PEM INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	3,663.47	3,663.47	0.00
4120 · Interest Income	1,000.00	2,618.44	-1,618.44
Total 4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	4,663.47	6,281.91	-1,618.44
4200 · FEES/DONATIONS			
4210 · Order Fees	1,266.00	1,000.00	266.00
4220 · Dispensation Fee	30.00	20.00	10.00
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4300 · RESALE			
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4320 · Misc. Resale	0.00	0.00	0.00
4330 · PGC Jewel Purchase	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total 4300 · RESALE	670.00	300.00	370.00
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MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT			
	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
4550 - Membership Development			
4551 - Membership Development Int	603.75	513.00	90.75
4550 - Membership Development - O	102.16		
Total 4550 - Membership Development	705.91	513.00	192.91
Total Income	705.91	513.00	192.91
Gross Profit	705.91	513.00	192.91
Expense			
9000 - MEMBERSHIP			
9010 - Promotional Expense	385.02	305.00	80.02
9020 - DeMolay Sword	0.00	208.00	-208.00
Total 9000 - MEMBERSHIP	385.02	513.00	-127.98
Total Expense	385.02	513.00	-127.98
Net Income	320.89	0.00	320.89

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE			
	Jan - Dec 24	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Income			
4500 - Holyland Pilgrimage			
4520 - HLP from Commandery Per C	2,348.00	2,348.00	0.00
Total 4500 - Holyland Pilgrimage	2,348.00	2,348.00	0.00
Total Income	2,348.00	2,348.00	0.00
Gross Profit	2,348.00	2,348.00	0.00
Expense			
9200 - HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE			
9210 - HLP Minister/OTHER	0.00	8,000.00	-8,000.00
9230 - Airfare to New York	0.00	1,600.00	-1,600.00
Total 9200 - HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE	0.00	9,600.00	-9,600.00
Total Expense	0.00	9,600.00	-9,600.00
Net Income	2,348.00	-7,252.00	9,600.00

Please see the attached statement of income and expenses for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. In addition, the Grand Treasurer's report depicts the investment holdings and performance for the year. Unfortunately, we lost a Commandery this year, Capitol Hill No. 53. Those Sir Knights were affiliated with Oklahoma Commandery No. 3. That is why our Demits and Affiliations are higher than usual.

I have included both the 2023 and 2024 Annual Returns to see the comparisons between the two years. In 2023, we had a net gain of three Sir Knights; in 2024, we had a net loss of 26. Ten members on the 2024 Annual Reports could not pay their dues, compared to fourteen the previous year.

Respectfully submitted:
Jon B. Greene [20]

RESOLUTION 1a

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS, affordable regalia is necessary in order to promote participation in Commandery ceremonies, and

WHEREAS, the number of manufacturers producing Templar chapeaux has been reduced making them difficult to obtain, and

WHEREAS, some chapeaux being used by Sir Knights are truly no longer serviceable,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Article XX, Section 6, which currently reads:

FULL DRESS UNIFORM

Section 6.

For Officers of the Grand Commandery:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; shoulder straps; chapeau; buff gloves.

For Past Commanders and Commanders:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta Jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; shoulder straps; chapeau; buff gloves.

For Generalissimos and Captain General:

The same as that hereinafter provided for Sir Knights, except they will wear shoulder straps.

For All Other Officers and Sir Knights:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; chapeau; buff gloves.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

FULL DRESS UNIFORM

Section 6.

For Officers of the Grand Commandery:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; shoulder straps; black cap; buff gloves.

For Past Commanders and Commanders:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta Jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; shoulder straps; black cap; buff gloves.

For Generalissimos and Captain General:

The same as that hereinafter provided for Sir Knights, except they will wear shoulder straps.

For All Other Officers and Sir Knights:

Black regulation coat; black trousers; black shoes; plain black socks; Malta jewel; Insignia; white shirt, soft collar; black four-in-hand necktie; sword; belt; black cap; buff gloves.

Respectfully submitted:

T.S. Akers [3], Jon B. Greene [20], Glen A. Chaney [18], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Robert W. McLeod [20]

Kent M. Israel [22], Justin M. McGee [8,14], Brian M. Ragain [18], Michael T. Harden [2], Matthew N. Harden [2]

John E. King, Jr., [6], T. Lavern Ragain [18]

RESOLUTION 1b

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS, affordable regalia is necessary in order to promote participation in Commandery ceremonies, and

WHEREAS, the number of manufacturers producing Templar chapeaux has been reduced making them difficult to obtain, and

WHEREAS, some chapeaux being used by Sir Knights are truly no longer serviceable,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Article XX, Section 9, which currently reads:

CHAPEAU

Section 9. For Grand Officers:

A military chapeau, trimmed with black silk velvet binding, and with two black and one white ostrich plumes 6 inches wide, 22 inches long. Front and rear peaks of chapeau to extend four and one-fourth inches from head; side of chapeau to be beveled, being one inch smaller at the top than at the head; diagonally across the peaks, both front and back, a band of gold-plated wire lace, fifteen lignes wide, of vallum pattern (No. 1962); in front a gilt or gold-plated tassel, half round in shape, with bright bullions and dull head; on the left side a rosette, oval in shape, five inches in height by four inches in width, composed of not less than thirty-three satin points, in single fold, on top of which, so as to display said points to the distance of one-half an inch from the edge, is laid one row of quilled black satin ribbon, in folds of from one-eighth to one-fourth of an inch in width, and on top of this is laid an oval black silk velvet rosette, three and one-fourth inches in height by two and five-eighths inches in width, thus displaying the quilled satin ribbon around the edges of said velvet rosette to a distance of from three-eighths to one-half an inch. On the velvet oval shall be a Templar cross of red silk velvet, bordered by a single row of No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery one-fourth of an inch in width. In the center, at the point of intersection, one red stone set. Said cross to be two and one-half inches square, including embroidery. No other trimming or ornamentation on rosette or velvet oval permitted.

For Past Grand Commanders:

Same as prescribed for Grand Officers, except that the Templar cross on the rosette shall have purple velvet center and purple stone set. The chapeau may have vines and berries in gold on a black or purple velvet background worn diagonally across the peaks, both front and back. (Amended 4/23/2016)

For Past Commanders and Commanders:

The same as that above described for Grand Officers, except that in place of the Templar cross on the rosette there shall be a passion cross, the upright arm three inches, the transverse arm two inches of red silk velvet bordered by No. 26 gilt or gold bullion embroidery one-fourth of an inch wide, leaving the velvet exposed in the center to the width of five-eighths of an inch. Said cross to have at the points of intersection alternate rays of No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold bullion embroidery in solid pattern. Twisted No. 26 and No. 27 gilt or gold bullion to be run diagonally from the inside to the outside of the embroidered edge of the cross at edge of its twelve corners or angles.

For Officers and Members below the Rank of Commander:

The same as that above described for Grand Officers, except there shall be no tassel or side lace of any kind whatsoever, and on the rosette shall be a red silk velvet passion cross border with No. 26 silver-plated bullion embroidery, of the same size and dimensions as that prescribed for Past Commanders and Commanders, except that said cross shall have no rays. Twisted No. 26 and No. 27 silver-plated bullion to be run diagonally from the inside to the outside of the embroidered edge of the cross at each of its twelve corners or angles.

In lieu of the velvet crosses specified, enameled crosses as hereinafter specified of the design and color appropriate to the rank made for attachment by the snap-on or clutch type may be substituted.

BE REPLACED WITH:

Cap

Section 9. Cap to be of black material of the same kind as the coat and trousers. The cap is to be U.S. Navy officer's regulation style with the appropriate insignia. For Sir Knights below the rank of Grand Commander, the cap shall be trimmed with black braid. For the Grand Commander and Past Grand Commanders the band shall be of gold laurel leaf design, black velvet background.

The front strap shall be silver bullion for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander, gold bullion for Commanders and Past Commanders.

Metal buttons with the Templar insignia and motto shall be at each end of the front strap, finished to match the cord.

Respectfully submitted:

T.S. Akers [3], Jon B. Greene [20], Glen A. Chaney [18], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Robert W. McLeod [20]

Kent M. Israel [22], Justin M. McGee [8,14], Brian M. Ragain [18], Michael T. Harden [2], Matthew N. Harden [2]

John E. King, Jr., [6], T. Lavern Ragain [18]

RESOLUTION 1C

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS, affordable regalia is necessary in order to promote participation in Commandery ceremonies, and

WHEREAS, the number of manufacturers producing Templar chapeaux has been reduced making them difficult to obtain, and

WHEREAS, some chapeaux being used by Sir Knights are truly no longer serviceable,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that Article XX, Section 18, which currently reads:

Cap

Section 18. Cap to be of black material of the same kind as the coat and trousers. The cap is to be U.S. Navy officer's regulation style with the appropriate insignia. For Sir Knights below the rank of Grand Commander, the cap shall be trimmed with black braid 18 ligne. For the Grand Commander and Past Grand Commanders the band shall be of gold laurel leaf design, black velvet background.

The front strap shall be doubled round cord, silver bullion for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander, gold bullion for Commanders and Past Commanders.

Metal buttons with the Templar insignia and motto shall be at each end of the front strap, finished to match the cord.

BE DELETED AND SUBSEQUENT SECTIONS BE RENUMBERED ACCORDINGLY.

Respectfully submitted:

T.S. Akers [3], Jon B. Greene [20], Glen A. Chaney [18], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Robert W. McLeod [20]

Kent M. Israel [22], Justin M. McGee [8,14], Brian M. Ragain [18], Michael T. Harden [2], Matthew N. Harden [2]

John E. King, Jr., [6], T. Lavern Ragain [18]

RESOLUTION NO. 2

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS: December is one of the busiest months in Masonry, and

WHEREAS: Our members are all Master Masons, many of whom belong to more than one Lodge, and

WHEREAS: Many of our members are also members of one or more appendant bodies, and

WHEREAS: The scheduling of these various bodies' elections and installations leaves very little time for our members to hold elections and installations of their local Commanderies, and

WHEREAS: Trinity Commandery 20, Oklahoma Commandery 3, Ben Hur Commandery 14, McAlester Commandery 6, St Johns Commandery 8, Elk City Commandery 22, Calvary Commandery 26, Norman Commandery 38, Muskogee Commandery 2, and Lawton Commandery 21 all meet on the third or fourth week of the month of December, thus causing the above-mentioned Commanderies to potentially apply for and purchase a Dispensation to hold their Election of Officers out-of-time.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE XIX, CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Section 3. Elections.

The elective Officers of each Constituent Commandery shall be elected annually on the first Stated Conclave in December, unless by written dispensation, the Grand Commander may allow the date to be changed, provided that all members are notified at least ten days in advance.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

ARTICLE XIX, CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Section 3. Elections.

The elective Officers of each Constituent Commandery shall be elected annually on the first Stated Conclave in November, unless by written dispensation, the Grand Commander may allow the date to be changed, provided that all members are notified at least ten days in advance.

*NOTE: This change would make it much easier for our local Commanderies to schedule and hold their elections and plan quality installation programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]
Jon B. Greene [20]

RESOLUTION NO. 3

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA:

WHEREAS: while once a necessity for appointed Grand Representatives to report updates on the state of Masonry in foreign jurisdictions, the advent of technology has made the Grand Representative role effectively obsolete. And

WHEREAS: increasingly more Grand Jurisdictions are distributing, or making available via the internet, their annual proceedings in digital form. And

WHEREAS: many jurisdictions no longer appoint or recognize Grand Representatives. And

WHEREAS: the office of the Grand Recorder has not received any reports on Annual Communications of other Grand Jurisdictions from any Grand Representative.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

ARTICLE VI

Section I. Grand Representatives:

The exchange of representatives between this Grand Commandery and other Grand Commanderies of the United States is hereby authorized. The commissions of representatives are to be made in the name of the Grand Commander and attested to by the Grand Recorder after recommendation of their respective Grand Commanders.

BE AMENDED TO READ:

~~**ARTICLE VI**~~

~~Section I. Grand Representatives:~~

~~The exchange of representatives between this Grand Commandery and other Grand Commanderies of the United States is hereby authorized. The commissions of representatives are to be made in the name of the Grand Commander and attested to by the Grand Recorder after recommendation of their respective Grand Commanders.~~

Respectfully submitted,
Jon B. Greene [20]

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma,

A special meeting of the Jurisprudence Committee of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma was called by the Right Eminent Grand Commander and convened at 2:00 pm on August 4, 2024, via Zoom concurrent with the Jurisprudence Committees of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma and the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma with the following members, along with Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney, Right Eminent Grand Commander; Sir Knight John T. Turner, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; Sir Knight Mark K. McFadden, Eminent Grand Generalissimo; Sir Knight Trasen S. Akers, Eminent Grand Captain General; and Sir Knight Jon B. Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder in attendance.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander asked for the special meeting to discuss any issues that might be had concerning the Grand Commandery signing a multi-year contract (for three years) with a hotel for our Grand Sessions.

The Jurisprudence Committee reviewed and discussed the question asked by the Right Eminent Grand Commander:

- 1) Is there any issue with the Grand Commandery entering into a multi-year contract with a hotel for our Grand Sessions – The committee discussed and reviewed the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery and could not find any language that would prohibit the Grand Commandery from entering into a multi-year contract with a hotel for our Grand Sessions pending the approval of the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery.

The Committee referenced the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Article VIII Section 1.a Time and Place – The Time and Place Committee may submit to the vote of the Annual Communications a contract for the location of the annual communications a contract for the location of the annual communication binding for up to 3 years, subject to the proviso that in any given year, the Time and Place Committee may submit a revised contract to the vote of assembled.

This issue was raised because, at our Grand Conclave, the details for a 3-year contract, although discussed, had not been finalized by the desired facility and the Time and Place Committee. Therefore, the Time and Place Committee was unable to submit a proposed 3 Year contract to the Membership at large.

It was noted, the Grand Commander has the right, privilege, and authority to make decisions on behalf of the Sir Knights, with regard to the normal course of business of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, subject to their review at Grand Sessions, when the Grand Commandery is at recess.

The decision to approve a contract impacting on the facility and location of our Grand Commandery, while said decision should be made during the Grand Session, is within the authority and purview of the Grand Commander when the Grand Commandery is at recess.

Sir Knight James R. Taylor, Jr., Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, introduced Sir Knight Glen A. Chaney, Right Eminent Grand Commander for comments. The Right Eminent Grand Commander thanked the committee for their attendance and advice on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Taylor, Jr., - Chairman; Robert G. Davis, Timothy P. Israel, Matthew D. McGee, Robert R. Rolseth

Report from April 24, 2025, to be given verbally

CREDENTIALS

We, the Credentials Committee, thank the Grand bodies for their support in organizing this annual meeting. If you have any questions about the event or have misplaced your credentials – please contact one of the members of the Credentials Committee. Your badge should include your banquet meal tickets, as well as entry into the luncheon on Friday if you registered for it. We want to thank John Christopher for assisting with the website form and Jon Greene who provides a Yeoman service as our Grand Recorder. We could do little without their assistance.

Fraternally submitted,

Bradley S. Rickelman [14] – Chairman, James Oates III [44], John M. Espen, III [101], James R. Taylor, Sr. [52, 104]
Jon B. Greene [52, 104] - ex officio

FINANCE

The Finance Committee met via Zoom on March 2, 2025, and reviewed the statement of revenue and expenses prepared by the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer for the Grand Commandery Operating Account and found it to be in order and in agreement with the statements provided by the financial institution holding the assets of this account.

The Committee reviewed the investment reports provided by the financial institution holding the assets for the Grand Commandery General Fund, Grand Commandery Perpetual Membership Fund, Joint York Rite Membership Development Fund, and Holy Land Pilgrimage Funds and found them to be in order and in agreement with the information provided by the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Commandery's budget is a fiscal year budget based on the calendar year, while the Grand Commandery Officers' term of office is from the fourth weekend in April to the following April. This will continue to present challenges for incoming and outgoing Grand Officers, as travel expenses incurred by one will continue to be paid by their predecessor. The committee also notes that the travel expenses that are dedicated to the Triennial travel continue to be woefully inadequate, and this burden left to the Officers who are required by statute to travel will continue to hinder the Grand Commandery and its Officers.

The Committee commends the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer for their diligence in accounting and safeguarding the funds and investments of the Grand Commandery. Also accompanying this report is the proposed budget for the Grand Commandery for 2025.

We recommend its approval by the Grand Commandery.

2025 GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET

Income	
4000 - ANNUAL RETURNS	
4010 - Oklahoma Per Capita	11,100.00
4020 - Grand Encampment Assessment	6,750.00
4030 - KT Eye Foundation Assessment	298.00
4050 - DeMolay Donation	185.00
4000 - ANNUAL RETURNS - Other	
Total 4000 - ANNUAL RETURNS	18,333.00
4100 - INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	
4110 - PEM INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	4,139.42
4120 - Interest Income	3,179.19
Total 4100 - INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME	7,318.61
4200 - FEES/DONATIONS	
4210 - Order Fees	1,000.00
4220 - Dispensation Fee	10.00
4230 - Reinstatement Fee	30.00
4200 - FEES/DONATIONS - Other	
Total 4200 - FEES/DONATIONS	1,040.00
4300 - RESALE	
4310 - Ritual Resale	300.00
4320 - Misc. Resale	0.00
4300 - RESALE - Other	
Total 4300 - RESALE	300.00
4600 - MISC INCOME	
4610 - Reimbursed Expenses	
4620 - KTEF Donations	300.00
4650 - MISC INCOME - Other	200.00
4600 - MISC INCOME - Other	
Total 4600 - MISC INCOME	500.00
Total Income	27,491.61
Gross Profit	27,491.61
Expense	
5000 - STAFF	
5010 - Grand Recorder Salary	6,750.00
5020 - Payroll Taxes	577.34
5030 - Grand Treasurer's Expenses	200.00
Total 5000 - STAFF	7,527.34
5100 - ASSESSMENTS	
5110 - Per Capita- G.Encampment/KTEF	10,715.00
5130 - DeMolay Donation	300.00
5150 - Per Capita Refunds	
Total 5100 - ASSESSMENTS	11,015.00
6000 - CONFERENCE / TRAVEL	
6010.24 - R.E.G.C. - Travel - Chaney	1,250.00
6010.24 - R.E.G.C. - Travel - McFadden	1,250.00
6011 - Grand Recorder's Travel	200.00
6020 - R.E.G.C. Grand Sessions Expense	275.00
6030 - Grand Sessions Host Expense	75.00
6040 - Grand Sessions-G.E. Dignitaries	1,140.00
6045 - Grand Sessions-Grand Master	200.00
6050 - Grand Sessions-Awards	100.00
6060 - Past Grand Commander Jewel	0.00
6065 - Knight Com of Temple Jewel	200.00
6080 - Triennial	
6080-25 - Triennial (25)	861.75
6080-26 - Triennial (26)	0.00
6080-27 - Triennial (27)	0.00
6080 - Triennial - Other	
Total 6080 - Triennial	861.75
6090 - Grand Commandery Retreat	300.00
Total 6000 - CONFERENCE / TRAVEL	5,851.75

2025 GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET – CONTINUED

7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	
7100 · Rent	
7130 · Field Day/Other Rent	100.00
7100 · Rent - Other	
Total 7100 · Rent	<u>100.00</u>
7200 · Telecommunications	
7220 · Website	63.96
7200 · Telecommunications - Other	
Total 7200 · Telecommunications	<u>63.96</u>
7300 · Office Supplies	
7310 · General Office Supplies	40.00
7320 · INK	60.00
7330 · Computer Software	
7330.1 · QuickBooks	333.00
7330.2 · Microsoft	33.00
7330.3 · MailChimp	320.00
7330 · Computer Software - Other	
Total 7330 · Computer Software	<u>686.00</u>
7340 · Office Equipment	0.00
7300 · Office Supplies - Other	
Total 7300 · Office Supplies	<u>786.00</u>
7400 · Printing and Reproduction	
7410 · Pre-Print	75.00
7420 · Proceedings	15.00
7430 · Publications	0.00
7400 · Printing and Reproduction - Other	
Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction	<u>90.00</u>
7500 · Postage and Delivery	
7510 · PO Box Rental	70.00
7520 · Stamps	33.00
7530 · Special Mailing Exp	0.00
7500 · Postage and Delivery - Other	
Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery	<u>103.00</u>
7600 · Insurance	
7610 · Bond Premium	76.67
Total 7600 · Insurance	<u>76.67</u>
7700 · Repairs	
7710 · Computer Repairs	0.00
7720 · Equipment Repairs	0.00
7700 · Repairs - Other	
Total 7700 · Repairs	<u>0.00</u>
Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	<u>1,219.63</u>
8000 · MISC	
8010 · Rituals	
8020 · KT Regalia	1,275.00
8070 · Misc - Other	
Total 8000 · MISC	<u>1,275.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>26,888.72</u>
Net Income	<u>602.89</u>

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4550 - Membership Development	
4551 - Membership Development Interest	707.50
4552 - Membership Development-Other	0.00
Total 4550 - Membership Development	<u>707.50</u>
Total Income	707.50
Expense	
9000 - MEMBERSHIP	
9010 - Membership Promotion	400.00
9020 - DeMolay Sword	100.00
9030 - GW Memorial (Dig Proceedings)	200.00
Total 9000 - MEMBERSHIP	<u>700.00</u>
Total Expense	700.00
Net Ordinary Income	<u>7.50</u>
Net Income	<u><u>7.50</u></u>

HOLYLAND PILGRIMATE	
<u>2025</u>	
<u>Budget</u>	
Income	
4500 - Holyland Pilgrimage	
4520 - HLP from Commandery Per Capi	2,298.00
Total 4500 - Holyland Pilgrimage	<u>2,298.00</u>
Total Income	<u>2,298.00</u>
Gross Profit	2,298.00
Expense	
9200 - HOLY LAND PILGRIM AGE	
9210 - HLP Minister/OTHER	0.00
9230 - Airfare to New York	0.00
Total 9200 - HOLY LAND PILGRIM AGE	<u>0.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>0.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>2,298.00</u></u>

NOTE: **Any funds budgeted for Grand Commander's Travel - (2025-2026) not disbursed during 2025 will be carried over to the 2026 budget.

Faternally Submitted,
 Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Trasen S. Akers [3], Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]

TRIENNIAL MATTERS

Officers of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma as well as other Sir Knights from Oklahoma, traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah, to attend the 69th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held August 18th - 21st. Oklahoma had 11 Sir Knights in attendance and was well represented.

Monday morning began with the Opening Session and procession of the Grand Encampment Officers, the Most Eminent Grand Master, Dignitaries of other Masonic Bodies, Subordinate Commanderies, and lastly, Grand Commanderies. During the morning session, Sir Knight Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master, announced that Dr. Thomas Lee was the National Award of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA recipient. Dr. Lee made a most interesting and informative presentation. The balance of the day was spent conducting the business of Grand Encampment as well as the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The Following Officers were elected for the 70th Triennial.

- Most Eminent Grand Master: David J. Kussman
- Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master: Jeff A. Bolstead
- Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo: Jack M. Harper II
- Right Eminent Grand Captain General: James C. McGee

Right Eminent Grand Treasurer: David A. Studley

Right Eminent Grand Recorder: Larry E. Tucker

Tuesday evening we enjoyed attending the Grand Encampment Banquet, during which we were entertained with the DeMolay's Ceremony of Light. Wednesday morning, several of the Oklahoma attended the Grand Encampment Installation Ceremony, during which our Right Eminent Robert Rolseth was installed as the South Central Department Commander.

The members of the Triennial Matters Committee appreciate the opportunity to serve Oklahoma in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark K. McFadden [2, 6] – Chairman, Glen A. Chaney [18]

GENERAL MATTERS

First, the Good News.

I am not sure what (Good News) is statistically. We are still alive and well and can solve some of the things we are calling "Sad News."

We now have 13 Commanderies. That is a loss of one Commandery.

Per the MMS System, we did not repeat the net growth of 3 from last year. Our net membership count is down from 1175 to 1149. Masonic Bodies, on the whole, are struggling with membership.

Looking at our numbers from a **Calendar year basis**, we have much sad news: We now only have 13 Commanderies after Capitol Hill #53 consolidated with Oklahoma #3. We had 36 Deaths, 48 Suspensions (up from last year's 35), and 18 Demits. The actual number is 116, but 98 "transferred" to Oklahoma #3 from Capitol Hill #53.

A number of our Comrades have passed. We show 36 deaths for 2024. Those are not just numbers: let us remember our Comrades who have fallen.

We Knighted 64 New Knights. But that is still eleven less than last year. We had a net of 6 Affiliations and 5 Reinstatements. We started the year with 1175 and finished with 1149 for a net loss of 26 Sir Knights on the books. Last year, we had a total gain of 84.

It seems only logical that we should be able to reduce at least some of the loss to suspensions and withdrawals. Our local bodies all need to be in better contact with our local members. We may or may not get them back in the Asylum for a meeting, but hopefully, that would help cut down on the Suspensions.

We would urge that the Officers in Charge meet with their Commanderies early in the year and encourage every Commandery to set up an active committee to contact the members who are behind in their dues or who are local and not attending Conclaves.

Now to the other items under our venue: Charters and Letters of Dispensation:

No new Charters nor Letters seeking a Charter, and we had No Appeals or Grievances.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy P. Israel [22], Robert R. Rolseth [20], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]

NECROLOGY

Death has its sting, but fortunately for the dying, because of God's love for them, they won't remember. That sting is reserved for the living. The love that we have for those that we have lost is the sting that keeps their memory alive. With each memory comes the sting that we cherish. God has said, "I am the resurrection and the life...He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

As long as we remember them and bear the sting that the memory of their death brings to us, they shall never die. They may be gone from us in the flesh, but their memory can never and will never die. Those fallen Sir Knights that we have lost this year will not be forgotten. We relish the opportunity to bear that sting one more time. Their knowledge and wisdom are gone forever.... Their swords deposited upon the altar of death, never again to be removed from their scabbards. May their souls soar aloft and dwell forever in the realms of life and light eternal. Please watch over them until we can meet them once again in God's glorious mansions above. At this time, we pay Honor to our fallen Sir Knights.

Let us pray

Almighty, glorious, and blessed God, receive the souls of our fallen brother Sir Knights. May they rest from their labors, and may their good works follow them. Help us to deal with the sting of these losses, but never let the memory of their contributions be forgotten. In the name of our precious Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray....amen.

Respectfully Submitted
Steven E. Cox [2]

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

The goal of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation is to have every Sir Knight of every Commandery to be a Life Sponsor of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. There are currently 11 members of the Grand Commanders Club, who have donated a minimum of \$1,000 to the KTEF, and 35 members in the Grand Masters Club who have donated annually towards the \$1,000 level to earn a jewel issued by the Knight Templar Eye Foundation in recognition of their commitments to the charity.

During the 56th Campaign, which ended May 15, 2024, the Sir Knights of Oklahoma have donated \$54,671 to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, and I compliment you for your very generous donations. If you already are a life sponsor, please consider purchasing a Life Sponsorship in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation for a candidate that you have top-line signed or making a personal commitment to join the Grand Masters Club or the Grand Commanders Club.

We have gained more ground in the last 12 months in attaining the goal of 100% Life Sponsor participation. Last year I reported that we were at 54.6%, and this year, I am glad to report we are at 70.1% participation. I know of several Commanderies who have made changes in their by-laws regarding the fees structure that includes the cost of a Knight Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsorship into the joining fees, and I strongly encourage each Commandery to consider making these changes to their by-laws.

Commandery	% Life Sponsors 2024	2025	Membership
Guthrie No.1	23%	100%	68
Muskogee No. 2	100%	100%	107
McAlester No.6	72.6%	100%	90
St. Johns No. 8 (Stillwater)	59.3%	100%	54
Trinity No. 20 (Tulsa)	100%	99.4%	171/170
St. Aumer No. 29 (Woodward)	53.1%	96.8%	31/30
Oklahoma No. 3	28.9%	58.6%	222/130
Ben Hur No. 14 (Ponca City)	46.0%	54.5%	44/24
Norman No. 38	41.4%	41.6%	89/37
Calvary No. 26 (Bartlesville)	40.5%	38.6%	44/17
Lawton No. 18	31.0%	38.1%	84/32
Elk City No. 22	32.5%	38.0%	79/30
Ardmore No. 9	23.7%	21.3%	61/13

Respectfully submitted,
Robert R. Rolseth [20]

MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION

The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma is an Oklahoma not-for-profit corporation formed on July 9, 1930, to encourage charity, benevolence, education, and philanthropy. It was created so Oklahoma Freemasonry's institutional giving could be better focused and coordinated. The activities of the Foundation do not replace those of the individual Masons; they merely serve to supplement them.

MANAGEMENT

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of twenty-two members. The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of Oklahoma elects fifteen directors, three each year, for a five-year term. There are also three Directors representing the Scottish Rite, one from each Valley, three Directors representing the York Rite, one from each Grand Body, and one Director from the Order of the Eastern Star. Board members receive no monetary compensation of any kind. The Foundation has full-time staff working in the Edmond office under John L. Logan, Executive Director. The following officers were elected to serve in 2025:

President	Jack L. Painter
1st VP	Gene McKelvey
2nd VP	John D. Church
Treasurer	L. Clay Stuart
Secretary	Robert G. Davis
Ass't Sec.	John L. Logan

FINANCIAL

PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF DECEMBER 31, 2024

The members reviewed the preliminary financial statements ending December 31, 2024. The preliminary combined balance sheet reflects total assets of \$105,190,170.04, an increase of \$3,598,535.66 from one year ago. Endowments total \$91,737,662.22, an increase of \$145,179.40 from one year ago. The General Fund total is \$13,452,507.82, an increase of \$3,453,356.26 over the 2023 year-end.

The preliminary combined income statement for 2024 reflects a Total Revenue of \$9,005,615.12, including \$3,168,938.53 of unrealized investment gains. Expenditures for 2024 total \$5,292,841.41, a decrease of \$630,713.45 from the 2023 year-end.

Preliminary financials reflect the Defined Benefit Plan's total assets of \$3,385,158.77, representing a \$266,405.58 increase from the previous year. There are currently 25 beneficiaries, 20 of whom are receiving benefits. Five participants are not eligible to receive benefits yet, and two current employees have not yet vested to become participants in the plan.

LODGE MATCHING FUNDS

The Foundation staff gave an update on the following Masonic Charity Foundation programs:

MATCHING FUNDS

- Total Matching Funds Program use as of December 31, 2024, = \$956,052.54
- Community Matching = \$857,294.78
- Promises Matter Matching = \$98,757.76
- # of Lodges using the program in 2024 = 183
- # of Lodges using the program in 2023 = 195
- Matching Funds applications processed = 1,061
- Applications denied = 59

Matching Funds disbursed since 1983 inception = \$37,556,101.88 (x2=\$75,112,202.56)

PROMISES MATTER

- Grants issued to Master Masons or their minor children or widows = 4
- Emergency grants issued = 16
- Average grant amount = \$1,404.05
- The average age of grant recipients = 65

As of December 31, 2024, the Total amount of Promises Matter Grant funds issued since the program's inception is \$2,038,277.50.

● MASONRY IN ACTION AWARD

The Masonry in Action Award was first presented in 2013 to recognize lodges that impact their communities by utilizing Foundation programs. In 2024, St. Alban Lodge 192 was recognized as the small lodge Masonry In Action Winner, and Owasso Lodge 545 was recognized as the large lodge Masonry In Action Winner. Both lodges were presented with trophies at the Grand Lodge Session.

Regarding future Masonry in Action Awards, Foundation Staff proposed eliminating the application and scoring based on program data the Foundation already collects and maintains. The board discussed this proposal and approved the change.

PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS

The Foundation works with other organizations to achieve worthwhile goals and make Masonic charity more visible across Oklahoma.

Partners in Prevention is a partnership with **Vizavance**. Lodges statewide sponsor vision and glaucoma screenings, targeting the young and the elderly. The Foundation granted \$300,000 to support the ongoing costs of the program. In the 2023-24 school year, 260,261 students were screened, and 38,861 (14%) were referred for professional follow-up. Since 1986, our Foundation has provided over \$5.9 million to support this important mission, One Goal, One Vision, and One Mission Advancing Children's Education Through Better Vision!

Food Bank support has been an annual program since 2011. In 2024, the Fight Childhood Hunger Campaign resulted in \$110,130 donated to the Regional Food Bank and \$49,870 to the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. The 2024 Masonic Food for Kids campaign ran from August 1 through October 15. This statewide effort combines the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma, and Griffin Communications (Channel 6 in Tulsa), and KOCO-TV in Oklahoma City. The Food Bank campaign is one of three projects with statewide visibility that attempt to enhance the image of the Fraternity while supporting a significant charitable or educational purpose.

Education - Our support for public education was demonstrated in nine statewide programs.

1. **The Oklahoma State Teacher of the Year** program honors teachers who make outstanding contributions to the public education of our youth. The 2025 State Teacher of the Year will be awarded a check for \$7,500, and each of the eleven finalists \$1,500. Each local Teacher of the Year receives a certificate of appreciation.
2. **Student and Teacher of Today**
 - Total # of certificates issued for Student of Today = 1,893
 - Total # of certificates issued for Teacher of Today = 645
 - Participating schools = 572
 - 130 of 201 Lodges participated
3. **Oklahoma Alliance for Arts Education** honors the fifty top high school seniors in our state's visual and performing arts. Also, the leading school administrators and board members are honored during a prestigious formal reception at the Guthrie Scottish Rite Temple. The students are presented medals by the Grand Master and members of the leadership of the Alliance. The next event will be held at the Guthrie Scottish Rite on April 22, 2025.

4. **The Payne Education Center** is a nonprofit organization established in 1984. Since 1996, the Foundation has supported the Payne Education Center's Reading Readiness program, which is designed to train kindergarten and transitional 1st-grade teachers by providing scholarships for enhanced reading techniques. In 2024, \$115,000 was provided, half allocated for teacher scholarships and the other to support their Digital Phonics Program.
5. **The Youth Scholarship Program** funding is through the Education Endowment.
 - 50 scholarships authorized @ \$4,000 = \$200,000.00
 - 44 scholarships awarded
 - Rainbow = 31 scholarships
 - Job's Daughters = 2 scholarships
 - DeMolay = 11 scholarships
 - Every qualifying applicant is offered a scholarship, pending demonstration that each applicant has met the minimum 3.0 GPA (college) or 20 A.C.T. score (high school) requirement.
6. **Senior Assistance Program**- In 2024, the Foundation's Edgar M. Woody Fund for the Aged, LLC disbursed \$921,248 to assist needy Oklahoma seniors.

In December 2024, \$674,609 was given to assist needy Oklahomans aged 55 and over with services not covered by existing government programs during the calendar year 2025. Since the inception of this program in 2007, the Foundation has donated \$12,990,902 in the name of the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma to enhance the lives of seniors in our communities. The eleven O4A agencies can be accessed by calling 1-800-211-2116 or at www.okdhs.org.

CHARITABLE GRANTS

In addition to partnerships with other charitable organizations or agencies, the Masonic Charity Foundation makes several grants yearly to support Public Education, Public Wellness, and Public Charities. Some highlights of 2025 grantmaking are:

- A \$1,000,000 gift will be disbursed in \$500,000 over two years to the Wings Special Needs Community, which will fund the construction of the first group home on their new campus.
- A \$1,000,000 gift will be disbursed in \$500,000 over two years to Hearts for Hearing, who provides audiology and speech pathology services in a unique one-stop setting for children with hearing loss. Charitable services for young children ensure they can learn to speak, connect with the world, and become self-sufficient members of their families and communities. The \$1,000,000 grant from the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma will assist in the construction of their new facility.
- The Cavett Kids Foundation helps children with terminal or chronic illnesses thrive by using camp experiences to build character, coping skills, and connection. Camps are provided for kids of every age who may be dealing with heart issues, cancer, or other disorders. Masonic charity's \$25,000 camp funding in 2025 will provide two of Cavett's highest-level camp experiences throughout the year.
- The YMCA Military Welcome Center at Will Rogers International Airport provides a safe location for military personnel to rest, access mail and telephone services, find refreshments, and prepare for the journey onward. The Masonic Charity Foundation provided \$18,000 to support the operation of this facility in 2025.

SUPPORT OF MASONIC GROUPS

- Each year, the Masonic Charity Foundation supports a charitable or educational cause or project of the Grand Master's choice. In 2024, a \$12,000 grant was provided to the Infant Crisis Services.
- Masonic Charity supports Masonic youth orders! \$45,462 in Matching Funds was provided to local DeMolay, Rainbow, and Jobs Daughters in 2024. Scholarships of \$4,000 to youth order members and \$10,000 to each youth order's state-level trust to support ongoing programming and scholarships.
- Each year, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma contributes to the programming of several national Masonic organizations:
 - Gifts totaling \$1 per Oklahoma member are made by Masonic Charity Foundation every year to support the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia.

- An annual gift of \$1,500 is made to the Masonic Information Center, an organization operating under the Masonic Service Association of North America that publicly provides information on Freemasons and responds to Freemasonry's critics.
- The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma supports every Masonic Services Association of North America plea for disaster support with a \$1,000 donation.
- Masonic Charity Foundation also provides annual contributions of \$4,000 to the Masonic Service Association of North America's Hospital Visitation Program, making Oklahoma's support of this program competitive nationally.

Foundation Activities

Additional information can also be found at the Foundation's website, www.mcfok.org. We also try to share positive stories regarding Masonic activities on Facebook.

It has been a great honor to serve as a Masonic Charity Foundation board member, and I thank the members for the opportunity to do this important work.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy P. Israel, [22]

YORK RITE COORDINATION

The Committee on York Rite Coordination meets during the regularly scheduled quarterly meetings of the Grand York Rite Officers. The quarterly meetings are used to coordinate the several activities of the Grand York Rite, and some of the items and issues discussed are regional and statewide festivals and degree conferrals, membership, and other programs to energize and encourage Sir Knights to participate in these and other activities during the year. This committee continues to meet the challenges of meeting in person; however, the quarterly Zoom meetings do provide some ability to discuss the needs and schedule the activities needed to facilitate a Coordination committee, which will remain useful to the Grand Commandery and York Rite as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,
Glen A. Chaney [18], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Trasen S. Akers [3], Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]

MEMBERSHIP

Greetings, Sir Knights. This past year has been a busy one. Sadly this year saw a decrease in attendance at our regional festivals. The 2025 Central Oklahoma Festival scheduled for February 2025 was canceled due to a lack of candidates. Our Northeast Oklahoma Festivals only had two candidates. This is an alarming trend. This makes our annual Grand Masters Festival even more important, my fellow Sir Knights. Every one of us must consider ourselves as a member of the membership committee. It takes effort from each of us to get out and visit our local lodges and tell our brethren about why they should be York Rite Masons. Our future depends on it.

We have got to make an effort to get out and visit our area Lodges, visit with those brethren and encourage them to continue their masonic journey for further light by experiencing the York Rite. The pool of Master Masons who are not yet York Rite masons is our biggest resource for new members, considering the small number of new Master Masons being Raised in Oklahoma.

Suspensions and withdrawals are another matter of concern. The question looms as to why these members decided to leave their Chapter. We must diligently follow up with these Sir Knights and find out why they are leaving. Only then can we start the process of making any necessary adjustments needed to retain our members and hopefully make membership a better experience for all.

Sadly, we also continue to see our numbers decline due to deaths. We lost many Sir Knights this past year. May we All keep these Sir Knights and their families in our prayers.

It is vital that we all work together to promote the York Rite to those who have not yet experienced it. At the same time, we need to reach out to members we have lost due to suspensions and encourage them to return.

In closing, I would like to thank Right Eminent Grand Commander Glen Chaney for the privilege of serving as State Membership Chairman during his year, and I wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Mark McFadden [3]

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Education Scholarship committee has stopped meeting in person in a "central" location. This is our fourth time to not meet in person. We individually rank the candidates and then rank the top choices. This ranking system often makes our decisions simple. Each member of the committee reviews every application we receive in a timely manner. They look at such things as the academic record, extracurricular activities, vision of need, future plans with a degree, and financial need. There is no Masonic affiliation requirement at all. Each member then ranks the applications and sends those results to the chairman. The chairman then consolidates the rankings and sends that information back to the committee. If a committee member wishes to campaign for a particular candidate who may not have made the cut, he is given that opportunity before the whole committee. However, once we send out the distribution of vote results, there is rarely a dispute that makes it to the level of formal discussion with all of the committeemen. This process seems to work out well. This gives each of us more time to read, review, and rank the candidates.

The Committee members are: Jay Wall, T. S, Akers, Mark McFadden, Robert R. Rolseth, and myself Tim Israel. Jon Greene is the Secretary of our committee.

We are in charge of the Education Foundation funds which are currently managed by a Grand Encampment investment team. They forward to us the amount of our interest needed to pay for four (4) \$1,500 scholarships.

This is our sixth year giving four \$1,500 scholarships – two to female applicants and two to male applicants. There was an issue with the payment for one of our recipients; therefore, we will re-issue that scholarship for her benefit this year. There are no specifically required criteria for receiving the scholarships.

We extended our deadline to allow for those who were "barely late" to be considered. This year we had 11 girls and 10 boys apply. That is definitely below our number of applicants from last year. And we went to email to avoid the problem of last year, where the USPS failed to deliver all of our applications in a timely manner. (See notes in last proceedings for more info on that problem)

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy P. Israel [22] – Chairman, Jay A. Wall [1], Trasen S. Akers [3], Robert R. Rolseth [20], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]
Jon B. Greene [20] – Secretary/Treasurer

PRINTING

The 2024 proceedings will be printed by LuLu Press online printing company. With the passage of Grand Encampment Resolution 2021-04: Constitutional change requiring 75% to pass, Section 52 (d), Allows for the transmittal of electronic proceedings in a digital format to the Grand Secretary of Grand Encampment at the last Grand Encampment Triennial, the need to print a lot of proceedings is no longer necessary. A digital copy has been placed on the Grand York Rite website, www.okyorkrite.org. The copy sent to the George Washington Memorial website can be found at <http://gwm.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet>

Respectfully submitted,
Jon B. Greene [20], James R. Taylor, Jr. [20], Robert R. Rolseth [20]

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

The Holy Land Pilgrimage program is a program that is near and dear to my heart. Sadly due to the ongoing wars in that region, we could not send the ministers once again this year.

The ministers who were selected for the previous year's trip were Pastor Scott Keneda of Edmond and Pastor Paul Vanderveer of McAlester. We are extremely hopeful that these two ministers will finally get to make their Pilgrimage in February or March of 2026.

Sir Knights, this program is so very important and speaks to the heart of Templary. Service to others and our community, all in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Glen Chaney, for the privilege of serving as chairman of this committee.

Sincerely,

Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]

COMMITTEES BY STANDING RESOLUTION

MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT

The committee on membership enhancement continues to be a vital part of our survival. Each year we are experiencing loss at a great rate, and we are unable to keep up with losses both due to death and due to suspension or other losses. The committee on membership engagement is charged not only to come up with creative ways to inspire new membership but also to address the losses. Hosting the Grand Masters festival is one of the great efforts that emerged from committees like this one which did have a positive effect and remains our main membership driver each year. The committee recommends that this program be continued and, as stated in the Grand Commander's address, to envision possibly expanding this type of one-day conferral to more than just one time per year. Of course, this is largely dependent on the motivation of those who confer the degrees. We are hopeful that the Grand Commandery will continue to engage with local bodies to host these events and present the degrees in the future.

Fraternally submitted,

Glen A. Chaney [18], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Trasen S. Akers [3], Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]

LONG RANGE PLANNING

The purpose of the long-range planning committee is to look ahead to future events and the viability of current programs as we continue to shape the York Rite of Oklahoma. The committee's focus should be on those efforts that do produce positive results in the areas of education, membership, degree conferral, ritual schools and public activities. Providing educational opportunities to all Sir Knights at the constituent Commandery level is the first key to mentoring each member into the York Rite. There is no "magic bullet" to solving long-term issues and the numerous roadblocks that are responsible for our declining numbers. As it gets harder, we must all commit to working harder. The long-range planning committee is always looking for Sir Knights to join this effort in creatively inspiring us all to stay engaged, think outside of the box, and implement new avenues of recognition, morale building, and education. Products of this committee have come into existence, such as the Grand Master's Festival and regional festivals, which increase our opportunity to create new Knights. If you are interested in joining the committee that looks at new ways to convey the message and foundation of the York Rite, contact the Grand Recorder.

Fraternally submitted,

Glen A. Chaney [18], Mark K. McFadden [2, 6], Trasen S. Akers [3], Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]

GRAND MASTERS FESTIVAL

The Oklahoma York Right Festival in honor of the Oklahoma Grand Lodge A.F&A.M Grand Master, M.W. John Carter, was held on July 27th, 2024, at Norman Lodge #38. The Festival began promptly at 8:00 am, and there were forty - eight (48) Master Masons Knighted and welcomed into the valiant and magnanimous Order of the Temple. We congratulate those worthy Knights who have endured the trials and passed through the ceremonies of this Order. The committee wishes to publicly acknowledge and thank the Membership Committee and the Grand Recorder for their diligence and hard work in spreading the word and contacting the candidates who made themselves known across the State. The Committee looks forward to 2025 and the upcoming Oklahoma York Rite Festival in honor of the Grand Master of Oklahoma. This event will be held on July 26th, 2025, at Norman Lodge #38.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]

REGIONAL FESTIVALS

The Central Region Commandery Degree Festival was to be held on the 15th of February in the asylum of Guthrie Commandery No. 1. This was canceled as there were no candidates. The North Eastern Region Commandery Degree Festival was held on the 22nd of February in the Asylum of Muskogee Commandery No. 2. Two candidates were made Knights of Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple..

Fraternally Submitted,
Trasen S. Akers [3]

SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE

The South-Central region is composed of five member states (Arkansas, Kansas, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma) and one non-member state (Texas). The Companions of this region have been gathering together annually for well over sixty years. The 2024 South Central Department Conference was held at the Double Tree by Hilton in Tulsa, OK. It was attended by the RE Grand Commander, E Grand Captain General, and other Grand Commandery Officers. At this session of the S.C. Department Conference, many issues and topics were discussed and actions taken by this august body of Sir Knights. The Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, SK David Kussman, was in attendance at the conference, and the Department Commander, SK Robert Rolseth, attended as well. The 68th Annual South Central York Rite Conference will be in League City, Texas, on September 19-20, 2025, at the South Shore Harbour Resort, 2500 South Shore Blvd, League City, TX.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mark K. McFadden [2, 6]

DEMOLAY

Serving on the DeMolay Committee for the Grand Commandery has been an honor this year. It appeared to be a good year for the DeMolays of Oklahoma, as they have continued to work hard and accomplish many things. We were sent one great candidate from DeMolay's Executive Officer for the York Rite Outstanding DeMolay of the Year Award. It is always nice to see more than one candidate. However, we were all impressed with the accomplishments of the one candidate we received. Lucas Pitt from Myrtle Chapter of DeMolay was selected and awarded the sword at their Winterfest in February. He has worked diligently in his Chapter to help it grow and show great servant leadership. We hope that he and many others will join the York Rite when the time comes and become active with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Kenton M. Israel [3] - Chairman, Michael L. Branson [8], Timothy Israel [22], and Jon B. Greene [20]

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

The Digital Technologies Committee has been hard at work this year, doing our best to keep the information on the website as current as possible. The Grand Recorder has put the forms our constituent Recorders need on the site. These include the Perpetual applications and applications for membership, both plural and demit, and all award forms. The Grand Recorder has also updated the calendar with all Commandery Conclave dates and times. If you see any errors in the calendar, please email the Grand Recorder as soon as possible for correction.

We want to thank S.K. Glen A. Chaney, Right Eminent Grand Commander, for his confidence and for allowing us to serve on this Committee.

Fraternally and Respectfully submitted,

Jon B. Greene [20] – Chairman, Robert W. McLeod [20, 2], Jason R. Smith [18], John R. Christopher [1]

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

Each month, the Grand Encampment produces a periodical that reviews current topics and issues of interest to the Knights Templar. The Grand Commander has provided monthly articles for the Knight Templar magazine. Each month, information and highlights from the Grand Commander as well as the Grand Prelate, have been provided through the State editor, RE SK John R. King, P.G.C. The committee wishes to thank RE John R. King for his tireless service to this effort and also, to the Grand Prelate for his insightful and spiritual educational messages in each issue.

Respectfully submitted,w

Glen A. Chaney [18]

KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY LAND

At the 2015 session of this Grand Commandery, a permanent Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment was established as a separate, segregated account within the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma. The purpose was to create an investment pool of funds whose earnings would be used solely for the benefit of the Oklahoma Holy Land Pilgrimage program.

We urged every Sir Knight to enroll in the Knight of the Holy Land program and help us reach our \$100,000.00 goal. As of December 31st, 2024, our fund balance was \$126,631.02. We did not have any expenditures from the fund in 2024

On behalf of the committee, I thank the forty-five Sir Knights (3.9% of members) whose contribution to this worthy project demonstrated their leadership and dedication to the ideals of Templary. We encourage all Sir Knights to join with those who proudly wear the Knight of the Holy Land jewel on their uniform. I also wish to acknowledge the generous contribution of the Henry Repeating Arms. Henry donated a Masonic edition rifle through its Guns for Great Causes Program, which we were able to raffle twice. The raffles created \$18,713.

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Logan, [29, 1]

PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

This committee continues to look for opportunities to join with other bodies of the Fraternity and the public to encourage the patriotic observance of several events. In the past, there have been Flag retirement ceremonies and other events that allowed Sir Knights of this jurisdiction to appear in public and emphasize our patriotic support of both Country and citizen. This year, we have looked for new ways to showcase our Knights in uniform by participating in the Grand Lodge Cornerstone ceremonies, but since these events are normally scheduled during weekdays, we have found it very challenging to support. Our aging membership is becoming less inclined to attend these events and our younger members do not find the opportunity to be absent from work and other responsibilities in order to support. We recommend that the committee going forward, works with the Grand Lodge to be notified well in advance of all public events so that proper and timely coordination may be made.

Respectfully Submitted,
Glen A. Chaney [18], John E. King [22]

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

The Grand Commandery held the Christmas Observance at Muskogee Commandery and held the Easter Observance at Lawton Commandery. The Grand Prelate included a devotional in each KT monthly supplement.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steven E. Cox [2]

TIME AND PLACE

Our Annual Communications are again being held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Northwest. Should you have any questions about our accommodation, the meeting rooms, or meals, please get in touch with one of the members of Time & Place, and we will do our best to make it right.

We have contracted to use this facility for our 2025, 2026, and 2027 Annual Meetings. Your Grand Officers have been in constant communication with the Time & Place Committee, and we appreciate their diligence in making this the best event we can.

Looking ahead, I want all the Companions and Sir Knights to understand that continuing to hold our annual meeting at a hotel depends critically on renting sufficient hotel room nights to keep the hotel interested in our event.

As a smaller event with a specific proscribed calendar date for the annual meeting, it remains a struggle each year to locate a convenient and professional hotel/convention center to take on our contract. You have noticed that the registration fee has gone up this year. This serves to mitigate some of the costs associated with the event, as we have currently negotiated it.

What can you do? If you want us to continue holding our annual meeting at a hotel/convention center, stay at the hotel at least one night – and if possible two. Spend time with your Companions and Sir Knights. Enjoy the hospitality of being in Oklahoma City, with its myriad of activities. Or remain Saturday night after the Grand Commandery and relax. Staying at the hotel not only allows us to satisfy our contract but also allows us to spend time together beyond the proscribed requirements for the annual meeting.

Fraternally submitted,
Bradley S. Rickelman [8] – Chairman, Brian A. Buswell [3], Robert W. McLeod [20, 2], Ivan M. DeTevis [20, 8],
Jon B. Greene [20] ex-officio

APPRECIATION

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, Sir Knights, and Honored Guests,

On behalf of the Appreciation Committee, it is with great honor that we extend our deepest gratitude to all who have contributed to the success of this Templar year. Your dedication, service, and unwavering commitment to our Order's principles have been truly inspiring.

First and foremost, we offer our heartfelt thanks to God Almighty. His guidance, wisdom, and strength have sustained us through both challenges and triumphs, allowing us to stand together in unity and purpose. It is through His blessings that we continue to grow in faith, brotherhood, and service.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the members of the Time and Place Committee and the Grand Recorder. Your tireless efforts, careful planning, and attention to detail have ensured the seamless execution of our Annual Sessions. The success of our gatherings is a direct reflection of your dedication and hard work, and for that, we are truly grateful.

To our Right Eminent Grand Commander and the esteemed Grand Officers, we offer our highest commendation. Your leadership has been a guiding light, and your vision and steadfast commitment have strengthened our Order. Through your wisdom, perseverance, and innovative spirit, you have led us forward, ensuring that we not only uphold our cherished traditions but also adapt and evolve to meet the needs of our time. Your service has been exemplary, and your impact is undeniable.

As we close this chapter and look toward the future, let this be not just a moment of reflection but also a call to action. Let us carry forward the same dedication, unity, and commitment to excellence that have brought us this far. The work we do today lays the foundation for the future of our Order, and it is through our collective efforts that we will continue to thrive.

With gratitude for all that has been accomplished and hope for all that lies ahead, we thank you for your service, your brotherhood, and your unwavering dedication to the ideals we hold dear.

Fraternally submitted,
Justin M. McGee [14,8]

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL CONCLAVE
APRIL 26TH, 2024**

The Fifty-First Annual Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association was held at the Embassy Suites hotel in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on Friday, April 26, 2024. The Conclave was opened at 4:10 p.m. with the following officers in their respective stations:

Knight Commander	John Carter
Knight First Lieutenant	Trasen Akers
Knight Second Lieutenant	Brian Ragain
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, PKC
Knight Warder	Mathew Turner
Knight Sentinel	Brian Buswell
Knight Prelate	Richard Hargrave

There were 32 members and guests present, per the Knight Sentinel’s Register.

Knight Commander John Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, followed by Kt. Prelate Richard Hargrave giving the invocation.

Past Grand Master Glen Chaney and Brad Rickelman, PKC and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma, was introduced, as well as Knight Companion John E. King, the R.: E.: Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

The following guests were recognized: David Kussman, Grand Master of Grand Encampment; Robert Loflin, Department Commander of Grand Encampment; and Robert Schlichter PGC of Liberty Commandery, Liberty, Missouri.

The passing of the following members was noted: Kieth Ballard, the last living founding member of the OPCA, and Robert L. Taylor Jr.

The minutes of the April 27th, 2023 Annual Conclave and August 11th, 2023 Special Conclave were approved as presented. The Annual Membership and Financial Report was also approved.

The report of the Audit Committee consisting of Kent Israel (Chairman), Jim Cloud, and John Carter was presented and accepted.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize the Knight Recorder’s necessary expenses for the ensuing year.

The following Past Commanders were elected to membership into this Association:

Nominee	Commandery	Year	Nominator
Michael Dixon	Guthrie No. 1	2023	Jay Wall
Rick Alan Moore	Muskogee No. 2	2023	Mark McFadden
Ryan Russell Frederick	St. Johns No. 8	2023	Brad Rickelman
Roland Morales	Lawton No. 18	2023	Glen A. Chaney
Don Henry Stanton	Trinity No. 20	2023	Jim Taylor Jr.

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers, and the following members were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

Knight Commander	Trasen Akers
Knight First Lieutenant	Brian Ragain
Knight Second Lieutenant	Mat Turner
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Brian Buswell
Knight Sentinel	Kevin Bardy

The Knight Commander Elect appointed Steve Guerrero, Jr. to be Knight Prelate.

The new officers were installed by REGC Jim Taylor Jr.

The Knight Recorder announced that the Ceremony of Reception will be held at a Special Conclave, which is set for August 17th, 2024 at St. John Commandery No. 8 in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Kt. Prelate Richard Hargrave gave the benediction.

The Conclave was closed at 4:35 p.m.

John Carter
Knight Commander

Robert R. Rolseth
Knight Recorder

OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION

SPECIAL CONCLAVE

August 17th, 2024

A Special Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association was hosted at St. Johns Commandery No. 8, in Stillwater, Oklahoma on August 17th, 2024. The Conclave was opened at 1:30 p.m. with the following officers present:

Knight Commander	Trasen Akers
Knight First Lieutenant	Brian Ragain
Knight Second Lieutenant	Mat Turner
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Brian Buswell
Knight Sentinel	Kevin Bardy
Knight Prelate	Jim Taylor (pro-temp)

There were 22 members and 6 candidates present, per the Kt. Sentinel's Register.

Kt. Commander Trasen Akers led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, followed by Kt. Prelate Jim Taylor (pro-temp) giving the invocation.

The Kt. Recorder reported that the following six candidates had accepted the invitation to become members of the Association and were in waiting for the Ceremony of Reception:

CANDIDATE	COMMANDERY
James Rule	Guthrie No. 1
Michael Dixon	Guthrie No. 1
Rick Alan Moore	Muskogee No. 2
Ryan Russell Frederick	St. Johns No. 8
Roland Morales	Lawton No. 18
John Church	Capitol Hill No. 53

The Kt. Recorder reported that the following candidates were elected but were unable to attend:

CANDIDATE	COMMANDERY
Scott Percifield	Muskogee No. 2
Russell Freas	Elk City No. 22
Don Stanton	Trinity No. 20

The Ceremony of Reception was conferred by the following team:

Knight Commander	Trasen Akers
Knight First Lieutenant	Brian Ragain
Knight Second Lieutenant	Mat Turner
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Brian Buswell
Knight Sentinel	Kevin Bardy
Knight Prelate	Jim Taylor (pro-temp)
Lecture No. 1	Brad Rickelman
Lecture No. 2	Michael T. Harden
Lecture No. 3	Bob McLeod
Lecture No. 4	Jim Parham
Lecture No. 5	David Sikes
Lecture No. 6	Laverne Ragain
Lecture No. 7	Jim Nobles
Lecture No. 8	Bob Rolseth
Lecture No. 9	Jim Taylor

Lecture No. 10

Mark McFadden

Lecture No. 11

Justin McGee

Lecture No. 12

Matt McGee

Each of the new members was presented the jewel of the order, a certificate, and a lifetime membership card, by the Kt. Commander and Lieutenants.

The new members were given the opportunity to speak and all expressed their appreciation of the Ceremony of Reception and that they were proud to be members of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association.

The benediction was given by Kt. Prelate Jim Taylor (pro-temp).

The Special Conclave was closed by Kt. Commander Trasen Akers at 2:15 p.m.

Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.

Knight Recorder

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL REPORT**

April 1st, 2024 – March 31st, 2025

To the Knight Commander, Officers, and Members:

The Knight Recorder/Treasurer's report for the Fiscal Year April 1st, 2024 through March 31st, 2025, is as follows:

MEMBERSHIP

Total inducted members as of April 1st, 2024:	500
Members received on August 17th, 2024:	6
Reported deaths, withdrawals, suspensions, and revocations through March 31st, 2025:	<u>358</u>
Total members believed to be living as of March 31st, 2025:	148

FINANCIALS

03/31/2024 – Opening Balance	
Checking Account #2343701	<u>\$3,053.59</u>
Receipts:	
4/03/2024 Deposit of membership dues	300.00
4/10/2024 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	33.28
7/01/2024 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	33.29
9/16/2024 Deposit of membership dues/Jewel sales	340.00
10/01/2024 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	35.31
1/10/2025 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	35.31
Total Receipts	<u>\$777.19</u>
Disbursements:	
08/17/2024 – Check No. 1008-Frontier Lodge No. 48	50.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$50.00</u>
03/31/2025 – Ending Balance	
Checking Account #2343701	\$3,780.78
03/31/2025 – Ending Balance	
Certificate of Deposit #150006	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
03/31/2025 – Total Financial Assets	\$6,780.78

Robert R. Rolseth
Knight Recorder-Treasurer

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION
PAST KNIGHT COMMANDERS**

1973	Ned E. Prater *	2000	Elwood M. Isaacs
1974	G. Stewart Rinehart *	2000	Donald H. Haralson (hon.) *
1975	Myrl S. Kirk *	2001	Forrest T. Smith *
1976	Carl R. Burrows *	2002	Jack L. Sterett *
1977	Herbert O. Nelson *	2003	Bobby L. Carter*
1978	L.D. Clark *	2004	Jimmie R. Dooley *
1979	J.W. Thomas *	2005	Hollis O. Edgar *
1980	Doctor L. Cooley *	2006	John D. Miller, Jr.*
1981	George T. Hayes *	2007	Earl L. Berryman, Jr.*
1982	Eugene Smith *	2008	Ronald L. Carr
1983	Aix B. Harrison*	2009	James E. Smyrl *
1984	Neal D. Leech*	2010	Robert D. Cundiff, Jr.
1985	Lester T. Mimms *	2011	E. David Snyder*
1986	William A. Nation	2012	Troy E. Shipman*
1987	Charles E. Williams *	2013	Donnie G. Higginbotham
1988	John J. Petrik*	2014	Robert R. Rolseth
1989	Robert N. Skillings (hon.) *	2015	Daniel D. Hanttula
1989	O. Ray Harrington*	2016	Stephen P. Guerrero, Jr.
1990	Donald M. Kiser *	2017	Bradley S Rickelman
1991	Chester R. Cowen *	2018	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
1992	Rex L. Bowen *	2019	Marshall Clayton
1993	Paul A. Fitch *	2020	Marshall Clayton
1994	Larry D. Horton *	2021	Kent Israel
1995	William R. Hudson *	2022	William Cloud
1996	James O. Rust, Jr.*	2023	John Carter
1997	Paul G. Watkins *	2024	Trasen S. Akers
1998	David A. Ray		

*Denotes Deceased