

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma



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FROM THE DESK OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

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To: The Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma,
The Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.
The Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, and to whom
it may concern.



It is with great sympathy and sadness that I must report the passing of Sir Knight Elwood M. "Ike" Isaacs, Past Grand Treasurer Emeritus (2004-2015), and Honorary Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma (2011), on Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

Ike was born on December 28, 1930, on a farm near Hazel Run, Minnesota, the oldest of seven children born to Murl Jerome and Evalyn (Doseh) Isaacs. In January 1951, he enlisted in the US Air Force and was honorably discharged in October 1954. Ike married Linda Marie Halverson on April 24, 1954.

Brother Isaacs was initiated an Entered Apprentice on October 31, 1972, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on December 12, 1972, and raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 13, 1973, in Mount Orthodox Lodge, West Springfield, Massachusetts. He demitted to Bartlesville Lodge No. 284, AF&AM in 1973.

Companion Isaacs received his Capitular and Cryptic Degrees and the Chivalric Orders at the Gene Autry Festival held in Guthrie, on October 6, 1973. Companion Isaacs served as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma in 1996-97, and Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma in 2003-04.

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

This General Order shall be read at the head of the lines in each Constituent Commandery at the first Stated Conclave after its receipt, and your charter shall be draped in Sir Knight Elwood "Ike" Isaacs' remembrance for 30 days.

Attest:

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"Every Christian Mason should be A Knight Templar"