

**AGENDA**

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA 131<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE  
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026 - 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 MICAH FOREMAN, 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 130<sup>TH</sup> 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. REPORT OF THE WORK AND TACTICS COMMITTEE
19. FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT
20. ANY OTHER REPORT TO BE GIVEN VERBALLY
21. MOTION TO ACCEPT R.E.G.C.'S ADDRESS AND ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS – Jon Greene
22. APPOINT TELLERS COMMITTEE
23. ELECTION FOR GRAND COMMANDER REP. TO THE MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION  
(Currently - Tim Israel)
24. PRESENTATION OF RESOLUTIONS AND REFERRALS
  - RESOLUTION 1
  - RESOLUTION 2
  - RESOLUTION 3
  - RESOLUTION 4
25. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2026-2027
26. REMARKS BY THE R.E.G.C. ELECT
27. REMARKS FROM VISITING DIGNITARIES
28. COMPLETION OF ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND ADJOURNMENT: R.E.G.C.

OPEN INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA  
INSTALLING RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER .....S.K. JAMES C. MCGEE, GCT, R.E.G.C.G.  
INSTALLING EMINENT GRAND MARSHAL .....S. K. MARK K. MCFADDEN, R.E.P.G.C.  
INSTALLING EXCELLENT GRAND PRELATE .....S. K. JAMES R. TAYLOR, JR., 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 2025-2026 CHIVALRIC YEAR**

Mark K. McFadden [2]	Donna	Grand Commander
Trasen S. Akers, KTCH, [3]	Aerial	Deputy Grand Commander
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]	Pam	Grand Generalissimo
Justin M. McGee [8,14]		Grand Captain General
Michal E. Foreman [2]		Grand Prelate
Kent M. Israel [22]	Dana	Grand Treasurer
Jon B. Greene, KTCH, [20]	Renee	Grand Recorder
Gary A. Davis, KCT, [20] P.G.C.		Grand Recorder Emeritus
Steven E. Cox [2]	Susan	Grand Senior Warden
Ryan R. Frederick [8]		Grand Junior Warden
Michael T. Harden, KTCH [2]	Sharon	Grand Standard Bearer
Larry D. White, KTCH [20]	Dedee	Grand Sword Bearer
Rick A. Moore [2]	Donna	Grand Warder
John E. Werts, [20]		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 OF OKLAHOMA  
AREA ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 2025-2026 CHIVALRIC YEAR**

AREA 1	Rick A. Moore Michael T. Harden, KTCH	McAlester Commandery No. 6, K.T. Trinity Commandery No. 20 K.T.
AREA 2	Robert W. McLeod	Muskogee Commandery No. 2, K.T. Ben Hur Commandery No.14 , K.T.
AREA 3	Justin M. McGee John E. Werts	Calvary Commandery No. 26 K.T. St. John Commandery No. 8, K.T.
AREA 4	James Oates III	Ardmore Commandery No. 9, K.T. Lawton Commandery No. 18, K.T.
AREA 5	Ryan R. Frederick	Elk City Commandery No. 22, K.T. St. Aumer Commandery No. 29, K.T.
AREA 6	Larry D. White, KTCH	Guthrie Commandery No. 1, K.T. Oklahoma Commandery No. 3, K.T..
AREA 7	Steven E. Cox	Norman Commandery No. 38, K.T.

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF OKLAHOMA  
2025-2026 STANDING COMMITTEES**

**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)  
Trasen S. Akers [3]- Chairman  
Robert W. McLeod [20,2]  
Justin M. McGee [8,14]

**TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE:**

Section 2. (c)  
John E. King [22] - Chairman  
Glen A. Chaney [18] - Recorder  
All Past Grand Commanders

**WORK AND TACTICS:**

Section 2. (d)  
James R. Taylor, Jr. [20] - Chairman  
Glen A. Chaney [18]  
Larry D. White [20]

**TRIENNIAL MATTERS:**

Section 2. (e)  
Justin M. McGee [8,14] - Chairman  
Robert W. McLeod [2, 20]

**GENERAL MATTERS:**

Section 2. (f)  
Timothy P. Israel [22] - Chairman  
Robert R. Rolseth [20]  
Trasen S. Akers [3]

**NECROLOGY:**

Section 2. (g)  
Micah Foreman [2]

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE**

**FOUNDATION:**

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

**MASONIC CHARITY FOUNDATION:**

Section 2. (h)  
2024-27 (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)  
Mark K. McFadden [2]  
Trasen S. Akers [3]  
Robert W. McLeod [2, 20]  
Justin M. McGee [8,14]

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Section 2. (k)  
John E. Werts [20] Chairman  
N CENTRAL: Justin M. McGee [8, 14]  
N EASTERN: Jim L. Parham [20]  
CENTRAL: David Tennison  
S CENTRAL: Brian M. Ragain [9]  
S EASTERN: John E. King, Jr. [6]  
N WESTERN: David Shore [29]  
S WESTERN: Christopher J.P. Smith [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]

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] - 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)  
Mark K. McFadden [2]  
Trasen S. Akers [3]  
Robert W. McLeod [2, 20]  
Justin M. McGee [8,14]

### KNIGHTS of the HOLY LAND:

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

### REGIONAL DEGREE FESTIVALS:

Chairman – Robert W. McLeod [2, 20]  
CENTRAL: Mathew A. Turner [38]  
N CENTRAL: Justin M. McGee [8, 14]  
N EASTERN: James R. Taylor, Jr. [20]  
S CENTRAL: Brian M. Ragain [9]  
S EASTERN: Ryan Frederick [8]  
S WESTERN: Roland Morales [18]  
N WESTERN: Troy L. Collier [29]

### GRAND MASTER'S FESTIVAL:

(FIELD DAY)  
(Formed April 25, 2015)  
Trasen S. Akers [3]

### PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES:

(Formed April 23, 2016)  
Roland Morales [18]  
Trasen S. Akers [3]

### SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE:

(Arkansas – Kansas – Louisiana –  
Missouri – Oklahoma – Texas)  
Trasen S. Akers [3]  
Robert W. McLeod [2, 20]

### LONG-RANGE PLANNING:

(Formed April 23, 2016)  
Mark K. McFadden [2] - Chairman  
Trasen S. Akers [3]  
Robert W. McLeod [2, 20]  
Trasen S. Akers [3]  
Justin M. McGee [8, 14]

### RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES:

(Formed April 23, 2016)  
Micha Foreman [2] - Chairman  
Justin M. McGee [8, 14]  
Jon B. Greene [20]

**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

**APPRECIATION:**

Steven E. Cox [2]

**ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER – MARK K. MCFADDEN**  
**131<sup>st</sup> Grand Conclave**

Companions and Sir Knights All, Grand Officers, Past and Present, distinguished guests, and members of the Grand Commandery, it is truly my honor and most high privilege to welcome you to the one hundred and thirty-first Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Oklahoma 2026. I want to thank you for being here with us for our time-honored tradition of meeting on this final weekend of April in peace and harmony, which concludes the current year and ushers in the new year and the leaders who will be elected and appointed to govern and direct us for the coming year. Our Christian Order, which stands to profess our devotion to our Lord and Savior, and vows to defend the innocent maiden, the destitute widow, the helpless orphan, and the Christian Religion. This weekend is full of ceremony and protocol, but our true purpose today and every day of the year is to proclaim ourselves Soldiers of Christ, the Grand Captain of Our Salvation, in the great battle for the soul of humanity.

It is my honor and privilege to welcome our Grand Master, M.:W.: Brother and Sir Knight Don Stanton, Past Commander of Trinity Commandery, and I would also extend a warm welcome to the Grand Lodge officers who also joined us today. We thank you and appreciate your taking time from your busy schedules to attend our Grand Conclave.

I want to extend a warm welcome to Sir Knight James C. McGee, R.E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U.S.A. and the Representative of our M.E. Grand Master Sir Knight David J. Kussman. Welcome also to our Right Eminent South-Central Department Commander, R.E. Sir Knight Robert Rolseth, P.G.C. of Oklahoma, and to all of our Past Grand Commanders of Oklahoma. I would also like to welcome every member of the Oklahoma York Rite family who has taken the time to travel here to be with us this weekend. We hope that your travels to and from this year's sessions have been enjoyable and that your time with us has been an experience we can be proud to have provided.

To my fellow leaders of the Oklahoma York Rite, Most Excellent Companion Frank J. Belluardo, Jr., and Most Illustrious Companion Brian Ragain. I want to welcome you to our Grand Conclave. It is only fitting that we end our terms as we started them - together. I have genuinely enjoyed our time together as we attended various Masonic functions, representing our respective bodies.

It has been my esteemed pleasure to serve alongside you both this past year, and I am looking forward to continuing our friendships long after our terms have come to a close.

To our Sir Knights visiting from other jurisdictions, we extend to you a most cordial welcome. We are honored by your presence and assure you that your presence is deeply appreciated.

Welcome to all of the Commanders, Generalissimos and Captain Generals, Wardens and other Officers, and Sir Knights of our Constituent Commanderies who are in attendance today. You are the true foundation of the work we are doing, and we would not exist without your dedication and efforts. I am truly grateful for the work you all are doing all around this great state of ours.

The impact your local York Rite bodies have on our members is immeasurable. You are the foundation of what we do, and our continued success depends on you, Companions, and Sir Knights.

Serving alongside my fellow officers this year has been such an honor and an experience I will never forget. We have traveled many, many miles together attending the meetings of our Constituent Commanderies, Conferences, and Triennials. And along the way, forming lifelong bonds and made many new friends around the country. It is my sincere desire to provide you with an accounting of my stewardship of our Grand Commandery over the last year. All of the decisions, dispensations, and other 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 once again

permitted under his blessing to assemble again at our time-honored tradition of Grand Sessions, and I pray for His guidance here and always, that all of our works may be pleasing and prosperous.

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 immense blessing and honor to serve alongside all of you. I have been extremely proud to stand with you in the Commanderies of our Order as we have traveled the state for Inspections, visits, schools of instruction, cornerstones, and other events. Since joining this Grand Commandery Line in 2017, I have had the honor of serving the Sir Knights of Oklahoma. I have had the privilege of serving with and being mentored by so many great men who have made a lasting impression on me and my life. I want Trasen, Bob, Justin, Steven, Ryan, Michael T., Larry, Rick, and John to know that you all hold a very special place in my heart. Thank you for your friendship and counsel. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for each of you, and I stand ready to assist when needed.

To the R.E. Grand Recorder Sir Knight Jon Greene. Sir, I do not know how I would have survived this past year without you. You are a most remarkable source of knowledge, guidance, and support to the Office of Grand Commander. You are truly an asset to Oklahoma's York Rite, and most will never know just how hard you work behind the scenes to keep this machine going. I have enjoyed our many, many roadtrips and the friendship we share.

To the Grand Treasurer, Eminent Sir Knight Kenton Israel, you do an outstanding job of keeping the financial side of the York Rite running smoothly, and your timely reports regarding our financial investments and standings are most appreciated. Your efforts allow us to continue the work of this Grand Commandery and its charities running smoothly. We appreciate the many hours you dedicate to this position and the time you sacrifice that could otherwise be spent with your family and other activities. I am proud to call you my friend, brother, Companion and fellow Sir Knight.

To the Excellent Grand Prelate Sir Knight Micah Foreman, thank you for accepting my invitation to serve this Grand Commandery. You have represented us well this year and have exuded a sense of love and faithfulness to our Order. The teachings of our Lord and Savior have continued to shine through you, and your inspirational messages in each month's publication have been an inspiration to us all. You have been the ideal choice to fill our spiritual needs and have always been ready to lend an ear when called upon.

To the Past Grand Commanders of this great State of Oklahoma, it has indeed been my pleasure to watch as each of you has served this Grand Order, and I have learned many valuable lessons from each of you, which have served me well during my term of office. Some of you have become very close personal friends of Donna and me, and I cannot begin to tell you how much we cherish those friendships. Sir Knights James R. Taylor, Jr., Robert Rolseth, Matt McGee, Tim Israel, Curtis Schuermann, Gary Davis, John L. Logan, Glen Chaney, Erik Stuckey, Richard Dunaway, Paul Currell, Donnie Higginbotham, and our dearly departed Gary Odendahl, each of you has served both as friends and very special mentors. I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate each of you and your willingness to provide counsel or simply an ear when I have needed it most. From the day of my Knighting, you all have been there to mentor me and set an example to follow. I can only hope that I have lived up to the standards set by all of you, and I look forward to continuing my service to this Grand Commandery alongside each of you.

To Most Worshipful Grand Masters M.:W.: James R. Roderick and M.:W.: Don H. Stanton, thank you for your leadership of our great fraternity during my term as Grand Commander. Your support of the Oklahoma York Rite Bodies is most sincerely appreciated, and it has been my honor and pleasure to serve under your leadership. I have truly appreciated your counsel, support, and friendship. It was truly an honor to be present at your installations and to assist in providing the Arch of Steel for you. A tradition I hope to see continued for many decades to come.

To my wife Donna, you have been my rock for many, many years. Unselfishly sharing my time with my many Masonic interests. You have been there in times of both joy and grief and have always been ready to lend your ear and support when needed. You have traveled many miles on this journey with me and have been my biggest supporter, best friend, and loving wife of over 40 years. The years we have spent in service to the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma have been possible only because of your love and support. It has been quite a ride, and I hope we have only begun to serve, with many more Masonic adventures yet in our future. The Sir Knights and Ladies of Oklahoma have been blessed to have you as their first lady, and I am so fortunate to have such a wonderfully kind, generous, and supportive Lady at my side through both the good times and the bad. I know you have endured many last-minute absences and changes in plans. You have endured many days apart from each other, dinners interrupted by phone calls, texts, and Zoom meetings that may have run much longer than predicted. I would also like to thank my daughter, Jessica, for all of her love, support, and understanding, as she so generously shared me with the Fraternity.

My Templar Journey actually began back in May of 1976 at the young age of 14. Just two weeks before the death of my grandfather, Jesse McFadden, I received a phone call asking me to run down to his house a couple of blocks away. Considering how close we were and the special relationship we had, I immediately ran to his house as quickly as my feet could carry me. I arrived to find him sitting in his driveway in a lawn chair with a big smile on his face. He greeted me with a big hug as always and proceeded to present me with his Templar sword. He told me that while it might not mean much to me at the time, he hoped that some day it would become very special to me. That sword accompanied me everywhere I lived from that day forward. And I am proud to say that as I stand here today, that sword has come to mean more to me than he could have ever imagined. And the many friendships Donna and I have been blessed to enjoy through our work with the York Rite are priceless to us. I cannot even begin to thank the Sir Knights of Oklahoma enough for giving me the honor and privilege of serving you as your Grand Commander for the 2025-2026 Templar year, and I pray that the confidence you placed in me and my works this year has been satisfactory to you. I hope that I have carried myself in a way that has brought credit upon you and the cause that we all hold so dear. And though some serious medical issues forced me to alter my plans and travel schedule, to include having to miss the annual South Central Conference, today is not the end of this exciting journey for me, far from it, I hope to continue to serve this Order and the Grand Captain of our Salvation for many, many more years to come.

### **Templar Dead**

While our elected and appointed Grand Commandery line has remained intact, it is a fact of life that the Great Creator will see fit to call home some of those who have carried the sword in His name and for them to take up residence in that House not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens. We mourn the loss of these Great and Valiant Sir Knights who have served the Craft well and are now in the presence of the Lord. The Eminent Grand Prelate will provide the report on Necrology. 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 house not made with hands.

One of whom I feel compelled to mention is our own beloved Right Eminent Elwood "Ike" Murl Isaacs, REHPGC, KCT. Sir Knight Isaacs served this Grand Commandery, as he did with all of Masonry, with honor. A humble servant who was always ready to serve his brethren and who made a lasting impact on our Order and fraternity. He passed to his heavenly reward on September 30, 2025.

Another Sir Knight whom I must mention is Eminent Sir Knight Harvey Cross Johnson, Jr., HPC and Knights Templar Cross of Honor recipient. This Sir Knight made a lasting impression on me. He was the definition of servant leadership and is one of the Sir Knights responsible for preventing the closure of Muskogee Commandery No. 2 and bringing it back to the successful Commandery it is today. He was Oklahoma's only Honorary Past Commander and was awarded that distinction at the request of the membership of Muskogee Commandery No.2 by Sir Knight Donnie Higginbotham during his term as Grand Commander.

I have attended several funerals this year for our Sir Knights. They have served our Order well and left an everlasting mark on our lives and our Order. I would ask that we take a moment of pause to remember all of the York Rite Companions, Sir Knights, and Ladies who have come into our lives and left us with so many fond memories to reflect on.

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

### **Visitations and Travel**

April 15, 2025	Attended meeting at Bartlesville York Rite
May 20, 2025	Attended meeting at Bartlesville York Rite
May 29, 2025	Attended the Grand Court of Amaranth and was introduced as Grand Commander and addressed the Court.
June 17, 2025	Visited Calvary Commandery No. 26 and set goals and expectations.
June 24, 2025	Attended Muskogee Commandery No.2 Inspection
June 28, 2025	Attended Oklahoma DeMolay in Norman and was introduced as Grand Commander
July 15, 2025	Attended Ephriam Kirby Award Presentation for Newell Barker PGHP in Bartlesville.
July 26, 2025	Attended the Grand Masters Festival in Oklahoma City.
July 28, 2025	Attended Trinity Commandery No.20 Inspection
August 8-9, 2025	Attended Red Cross Triad in Oklahoma City.
August 13, 2025	Attended St. John Commandery No.8 Inspection
August 16, 2025	Attended the Chair Degrees in Stillwater.
August 16, 2025	Attended the DeMolay State Officers Reception in Oklahoma City.
August 19, 2025	Attended meeting at Bartlesville York Rite.
September 16, 2025	Attended meeting at Calvary Commandery No. 26 in Bartlesville.
September 22, 2025	Visited Trinity Commandery No. 20 to speak with them about the possibility of allowing Calvary Commandery to consolidate with them.
September 23, 2025	Made an official visit to Ben Hur Commandery No. 14 and was received as Grand Commander.
September 24, 2025	Made an official visit to Oklahoma No.3 and was received as Grand Commander.
October 5, 2025	Attended the funeral service for Sir Knight Ike Isaacs REHPGC.
October 7, 2025	Attended Elk City Commandery No. 22 Inspection.
October 11-12, 2025	Attended Opening Ceremonies at McAlester Valley Reunion and was introduced as Grand Commander.
October 21, 2025	Attended and presided over a meeting of Calvary Commandery No. 26, where they voted unanimously to surrender their Charter.
October 25, 2025	Attended Tulsa Scottish Rite reunion and was introduced during opening ceremonies.
November 8, 2025	Attended and was introduced as Grand Commander during the morning session. Led the Sir Knights in attendance in providing the Arch of Steel for the Grand Lodge Officers' installation.
November 16, 2025	Attended Scottish Rite Honours Day in Guthrie.
December 6, 2025	Attended the Installation of Officers for Trinity Commandery No. 20 and served as the installing Marshal.
December 6, 2025	Attended the Installation of Officers for Muskogee Commandery No.2 and served as the Installing Officer.
December 7, 2025	Attended the Installation of Officers for Haskell Lodge No. 334.
December 7, 2025	Attended the Installation of Officers for Broken Arrow Lodge and participated in the presentation of colors.

December 8, 2025 Attended and served as the Installing Officer for Muskogee Lodge No. 28.

January 10, 2026 Served as the Installing Officer for McAlester Commandery No. 6 Installation.

January 25, 2026 Zoom meeting re: Grand Sessions Planning.

February 1, 2026 Attended DeMolay Winterfest in Tulsa. Was introduced as Grand Commander and addressed those in attendance. Also presented a check on behalf of the Sir Knights of Oklahoma, as well as the DeMolay of the Year sword.

February 7, 2026 Attended the Northeast Oklahoma Chapter / Council Festival in Tulsa, Ok.

February 9, 2026 Official visit to Ardmore Commandery No 9 and was received as Grand Commander.

February 21, 2026 Attended the Northeast Commandery Festival in Muskogee, Ok. Was introduced as Grand Commander.

February 26, 2026 Attended Funeral Services and provided Casket Guard for Sir Knight Harvey Cross Johnson, Jr., HPC

February 27-29, 2026 Attended the Senior Wardens Retreat at Fairfield Inn and Suites in Muskogee, OK.

March 3, 2026 Official Visit to Lawton Commandery No. 18 and received as Grand Commander.

March 12, 2026 Official Visit to Norman Commandery No. 39 and was received as Grand Commander.

March 23, 2026 Official Visit to McAlester Commandery No. 6 and received as Grand Commander.

April 10, 2026 Attended the Guthrie Scottish Rite opening Ceremonies and was introduced as Grand Commander.

April 18, 2026 Attended the McAlester Scottish Rite opening ceremonies and was introduced as Grand Commander.

### **Dispensations and Actions**

The following dispensations were issued:

July 15, 2025 I informed the Generalissimo and Captain General of Calvary Commandery that pursuant to Grand Encampment law,  
*(d) During any recess of the Grand Commandery to arrest the Charter or Dispensation of a Commandery, or to place a Commandery under probation under such conditions as he shall determine until the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery. Also, to suspend from his office any Officer of the Grand or of a Constituent Commandery, but in no case shall such suspension affect the standing in the Order of such Officer or his membership in the Commandery. The Grand Commander shall report his action in full to the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery for its final action. (1967, p. 97), and "The Grand Commander may remove a Commander from office and may forbid the installation of a duly-elected Commander, though no charges are preferred against him. (1922, p 32 & 291 No. 24 Orr)"*  
 that I was removing their Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Justin James, from office for gross failure to fulfill the duties of that office. Sir Knight James had not attended a meeting since being installed and had not responded to any of my attempts to contact him. Further, I informed them that it was my decision not to fill his station and that they would be tasked with presiding over the remaining Commandery meetings in his absence for the remainder of the 2025 term.

August 27, 2025 In accordance with Article XVIII, Section 3 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to allow Elk City Commandery No. 22 to allow Elk City Commandery to hold a special election to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Senior Warden.

April 28, 2025

In accordance with Article XIII and Article XX of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Oklahoma Laws and Regulations, I issued the following dispensation:

*Article XIII*

*Section 1. - Appearance in Uniform.*

*Every officer and every Sir Knight must appear in Full Dress Uniform at the opening of the Annual Conclave and of each Constituent Conclave unless he is excused therefrom by the Grand Commander or by the Commandery.*

*Article XX Uniforms and Equipment*

*Section 19 - Summer Uniform For all Sir Knights:*

*Short-sleeve shirt (white), black trousers, black waist belt; black shoes; plain black socks; insignia; nameplate; tie bar; black four-in-hand necktie; and white cap.*

*A Commandery will either make use of the Summer Uniform, the Cap and Mantle, or the Regulation Uniform, but may not appear attired as a unit using a combination of uniforms.*

*The Summer Uniform may be worn from the period beginning with May 1 and ending October 31. (Updated 4/23/2022)*

Constituent Commanderies are adopting the Summer Uniform as their uniform of choice. This raises a problem, as they will need to transition to the Full Dress Uniform or the Cap and Mantle Uniform from November 1 to April 30 each year. The additional uniform is an undue expense that a Sir Knight, or a Commandery, shouldn't bear.

Therefore, 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, except for any banquets. Additionally, all elected and appointed Grand Commandery Officers are required to be in Full Dress Uniform for the entirety of the Annual Grand Conclave.

September 21, 2025

In accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to allow Trinity Commandery No. 20 to hold its annual election of Officers on Monday, November 24, 2025, instead of Monday, December 22, 2025.

September 21, 2025

In accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to allow Muskogee Commandery No. 2 to hold its annual Election of Officers on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, instead of Tuesday, December 23, 2025.

September 21, 2025

In accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, I issued a dispensation to allow McAlester Commandery No. 6 to hold its annual election of Officers on Monday, November 24, 2025, instead of Monday, December 22, 2025.

## General Orders

The following General Orders were issued:

- General Order No. 1 The General Order announced the Grand Commandery Officers, Committees, and Officers in Charge for the Templar Year 2025-2026.
- General Order No. 2 This General Order set forth the procedure for Cornerstone Ceremonies for this Grand Chivalric year.
- General Order No. 3 This general Order consists of the procedure for Inspections for this Chivalric year. It also included a schedule of the Inspections and Schools being held, who the Inspectors would be as well as who would be conducting the Schools of Instruction.
- General Order No. 4 This General Order consisted of the announcement of the 2025 Knights Templar Education Foundation, Division of the Oklahoma Scholarship award winners. The committee was pleased to announce that of the (10) female and (11) male applications, four scholarships of \$1500.00 each were awarded to:  
Females - Kendal Brunk and Tucker Yoman.  
Males - Jason Smith and Eston Armstrong  
We congratulate the winners and wish them much success in their scholastic endeavors. I would also like to thank the Committee Chairman, SK Tim Israel R.E.P.G.C., and his committee for all of their hard work and efforts.
- General Order No. 5 This General Order consists of the announcement of the 2026 Holy Land Pilgrimage for the Christian Ministers. Due to the ongoing conflicts and turmoil in Israel, and for the safety of our ministers, I decided to postpone the program for the year.
- General Order No. 6 This General Order was sent to announce 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), who passed on Tuesday, September 30, 2025. Let us remember our departed Sir Knight for his faithful years of service and dedication to the Knights Templar of Oklahoma.
- General Order No. 7 This General Order consists of the Christmas Observance Messages, which include the Toast to the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment's Response, the Toast to the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma, and the Grand Commander's Response.
- General Order No. 8 This General Order consists of the announcement of the 2026 Grand Commandery Conclave. The 131st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Embassy Suites Northwest Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK. The agenda for the session was included.  
The General Order announced the 2026 Grand Commandery Conclave and partially excused Sir Knights and Officers, except Grand Commandery Officers, from the requirement of appearing in Full Dress Class A Uniform at the Opening of the Annual Conclave and session.  
The authority for said decision is outlined in the Constitution, Laws, and Regulations of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma under ARTICLE XIII, of the Laws and Regulations, styled APPEARANCE IN UNIFORM, which provides, in part: Section 1. Every officer and every Sir Knight must appear in Full Dress Uniform at the opening of

the Annual Conclave and of each Constituent Conclave unless he is excused therefrom by the Grand Commander or by the Commandery.

However, in that same General Order, all Past Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery, and Dais Officers from the Constituent Commanderies will be in Full Dress Class A uniform or Cap and Mantle. All Other Sir Knights should be in Full Dress Class A uniform, Cap and Mantle, or black/dark suit for the Opening of the Annual Conclave and session. I did not want those in attendance who were not so dressed to violate our Code. I felt that a General Order, which encouraged appropriate dress, was a more effective tool to seek to get our members focused on what they should wear.

General Order No. 9 This General Order consisted of the announcement of the 2026 Knights Templar Education Foundation, Division of the Oklahoma Scholarship award winners. The committee was pleased to announce that of the (4) female and (4) male applications, four scholarships of \$1500.00 each were awarded to:

Females - Kynnli Jones and Tucker Piper.

Males - Daemian Cowan and Eston Armstrong

We congratulate the winners and wish them much success in their scholastic endeavors. I would also like to thank the Committee Chairman, SK Tim Israel R.E.P.G.C., and his committee for all of their hard work and efforts.

#### **Fifty-Year Award Presentations**

On February 24, 2026, Most Excellent Companion Frank Belluardo, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma, Most Illustrious Companion Brian Ragain, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Oklahoma, and I traveled to Muskogee to present Eminent Sir Knight Weldon Key, PC, KTCH, his 50-year service awards and lapel pin. Muskogee York Rite served a wonderful meal before the presentation of the awards, and Sir Knight Key's wife, Barbara, as well as a host of friends and brothers, were in attendance. Sir Knight Key is among the Companions and Sir Knights credited with preventing the Muskogee York Rite from closing its doors a few years ago.

The Grand Commandery congratulates all of the Companions and Sir Knights who, this year, have attained 50 years of service. Your dedication and service to our York Rite Bodies of Oklahoma should serve as an example to us all. Your dedication, service, and sacrifice are commendable and stand as a fine example to the principles of our Order! The names of these Sir Knights are included in the proceedings.

#### **Obligatory Observances**

Ascension Day - The Grand Commandery Officers, in conjunction with Muskogee Commandery No. 2, met in the Asylum of Muskogee Commandery on Tuesday, May 27th, and held a dinner and Ascension Day observance ceremony followed by a reception in the dining hall. Patriotic - In honor of our Veterans and service men and women, I participated in the wreath laying at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery and the presentation of colors on Tuesday, November 11, 2025.

Christmas - The Grand Commandery Officers, in conjunction with the Sir Knights of Muskogee Commandery No.2, held their annual Christmas Observance on Saturday, December 6th, 2025, in conjunction with their Installation of Officers.

Easter - The Grand Commandery Officers, in conjunction with Muskogee Commandery No. 2, held their annual Easter Observance and dinner on Friday, April 3, 2026. The event was very well attended, and dinner was held at El Charro Mexican Restaurant with family and friends in attendance as well.

## **Knights Templar Educational Foundation Scholarships**

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee considers all applications for scholarships without regard to age, race, religion, National origin, gender, Masonic ties, or affiliations. These scholarships are not “grants in aid” but are open to all students regardless of their financial circumstances.

The purpose is to provide financial assistance to students who meet the required qualifications, which may vary from state to state.

In 1922, the Grand Encampment launched the Knights Templar Educational Foundation with the words: “We feel that the Grand Encampment can build no greater monument nor inaugurate a more worthwhile movement than to establish a plan which will provide educational advantages for the youth of our beloved country, thereby enabling them to become more useful members of society and better Citizens of the United States of America.”

The Foundation was sustained and perpetuated by each Sir Knight paying the sum of \$1.00 annually for a period of nine years beginning July 1, 1924. This fund became available for student loans.

Through the years, the fund has grown, and Grants and Scholarships are available in several states. However, some states continue to use the Loan program, in which the student is expected to repay the loan at a low interest rate. States offer Grants, Scholarships, or Loans, but not all three.

Education beyond high school is essential in a technological age. It may be obtained today in:

A vocational school that trains artisans and craftsmen.

A technical school that prepares technicians for various specializations.

A professional school that offers preparation in medicine, law, theology, engineering, business, agriculture, and other fields.

Colleges and universities that give a firm foundation for business, trade, or profession.

Since its founding, the Knights Templar Educational Foundation has assisted more than 80,000 students for an aggregate monetary value of over thirty-eight million dollars through Loans and Scholarships to deserving youth, thereby exemplifying the purpose and principles for which it was created.

The scholarship committee has met and has gone through the scholarship applications. This year, we received four (4) girls’ and four (4) boys’ applications. The committee is pleased to announce the winners of the four (4) scholarships. Each will receive a \$1,500.00 scholarship, which will be mailed to their institutions. The two girls are: Kynnli Jones and Piper Byrd. The two boys are: Eston Armstrong and Daemian Cowan

### **Awards**

The Knight Templar Cross of Honor Award was created at the 49th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment held in 1946 at Philadelphia. The Knight Templar Cross of Honor shall be awarded only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order of Knights Templar, far beyond the service usually expected of an Officer or member. In Oklahoma, the Grand Commander can select only one nomination from the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery in any one Templar year. It is my honor and privilege to announce that the recipient of this year’s award is [REDACTED] and he was presented the award at Friday night’s Grand Banquet.

### **The Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program**

In the Grand Encampment’s efforts to improve the fraternity, the Grand Prelates and the elected line has developed a training program for Prelates and Chaplains.

Long thought of as simply officers who read a prayer, or pray for the sick, Chaplains and Prelates should be leading officers in all Masonic bodies, but more especially in Commandery.

To help us all develop and actuate our faith in the world, Chaplains need to be secure in their own. After taking this training program, we hope that Sir Knights (and any other member of the fraternity, including our ladies and youth organizations who opt to take the course) will emerge as leaders who exemplify servant leadership and service.

Chaplaincy is a ministry of presence, and simply being there for people in real and meaningful ways at challenging times in their lives is the core of what a Chaplain is supposed to do. This program is designed to help members who are dedicated enough to serve the Craft and God and be more effective in their positions.

Before presenting more about the program and what it is, we need to be sure to say what it is not. This is a commissioning, not an ordination. This does not make a person a trained evangelist, nor does it qualify one to be a Board-Certified Chaplain: only Seminary and CPE courses can do that. This program will not shove a trinitarian view of Christianity down people's throats, but there is certainly grounding in what trinitarian Christianity really is.

The structure of the course is twelve units on the Grand Encampment's official Learning Management System, templared.org. Each self-paced unit requires readings, watching short videos made by our team of Chaplains, quizzes on the materials in

the readings and lectures, and then short projects devised to immediately impact the lives of members of the organization. These projects will be archived and made available for other Lodges and Commanderies to use as well. The units assume no prior training and even provide help with the mechanics of speech that so few of us are taught nowadays.

The textbook, *On Being a Masonic Chaplain*, was written for this course and edited by more than twenty experienced Chaplains from the Grand Encampment.

The proceeds of this book are going to help the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

On April 23rd, 2026, I had the privilege of participating in the commissioning ceremony of Oklahoma's newest Commissioned Templar Chaplains. The Sir Knights, who were commissioned, are Rick Moore of Muskogee Commandery No. 2 and John Werts of Trinity Commandery No. 20. I want to congratulate both Sir Knights on completing the program and training to become better prepared servant leaders in the fraternity and in the service of God. Oklahoma now has 8 Commissioned Templar Chaplains. They are: Dylon Townsend, Brian M Ragain, Roland Morales, James Oates III, Mark McFadden, John Earl Werts, Daniel Hanttula, and Rick Moore. As of my last communication with Grand Encampment, there are 169 Commissioned Templar Chaplains in the United States, and this program has reached over 600 students in its first three years.

### **Inspections**

A "traditional" inspection consists of the Commandery Opening, Reception of the Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery Staff, Order of the Temple, and Commandery Closing. The requirements were done according to the Work and Tactics of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma (Yellow Book), and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. ritual for the Order of the Temple (White Book) as specified by General Order No. 2.

I attended the inspections of all the Commanderies that stood for inspection. I thought all the Commanderies performed exemplary work and tactics in accordance with the prescribed rules as set forth by the Work and Tactics Committee. I thought each Commandery did an excellent job in their conferral of the Order of the Temple. I would like to thank the Eminent Commander and Officers of those Commanderies for their hard work and effort in their inspections. Inspections can be difficult, time-consuming, and require commitment,

but inspections can also be rewarding, bonding, and provide a sense of accomplishment. You are to be commended, and the Grand Commandery recognizes the sacrifices made by each of the officers.

“And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Colossians 3:17 NKJV “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31

Below is a list of Commanderies that stood for inspection during this Templar year:

June 24, 2025	Muskogee No. 2
July 28, 2025	Trinity No. 20
August 13, 2025	St. John No.8,
September 11, 2025	Guthrie No.1
October 7, 2025	Elk City No. 22.

### **Schools of Instruction**

Once again this year, those Commanderies who did not stand “full” inspection, Opening/Reception of Grand Commander/Order of Temple/and Closing, were presented with the option of a School of Instruction. The Officers in Charge were tasked with conducting the Schools of Instruction for their respective Commanderies. The schools were well attended, and I thought the work and tactics were presented in a very precise manner. I want to thank the Officer in Charge for conducting the schools and Sir Knight Bob McLeod, Eminent Grand Generalissimo, for generating the syllabus for the schools. These schools are beneficial to the constituent Commanderies, and we hope the schools will be continued in future years. I feel that taking these schools to our Constituent Commanders rather than holding a statewide Work and Tactics session is much more productive and allows us to reach many more Sir Knights.

Below is a list of Commanderies that requested a School of Instruction: Guthrie No.1, St. John No.8, Oklahoma No.3, Elk City, and Ben Hur.

### **Cornerstones**

The Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma participated in the following cornerstone ceremonies:

April 11, 2025	Drumright Public School Complex.
April 27, 2025	Bernita Hughes Elementary
June 4, 2025	Coweta Schools
January 31, 2026	Jackson County Courthouse
April 2, 2026	Murray State College.

### **Grand Masters Festival**

The annual Grand Masters Festival continues to be of great benefit to the York Rite. While it would be wonderful to see our new members receive all of their Degrees and Orders in their home York Rite Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies, this is simply not possible, as sadly many of our local Bodies cannot do that work. Currently, this Festival and our annual NE Oklahoma and Central Oklahoma Winter Festivals are the avenues by which new members can join the York Rite. The current system of having the designated Grand Officers coordinate this event has worked very well and spreads responsibility, while only tasking these officers with planning this event for one year rather than having to do it year after year. I am in favor of this arrangement, and I hope to see it continue in the future.

This year’s Grand Masters Festival was held on July 26th, 2025, at Norman Lodge. On that day, we Exalted 32 Royal Arch Masons, Greeted 31 Royal and Select Masters, and Knighted 27 new Knights Templar. While these numbers were down a bit from years past, they reflect the continuing trend caused by the decrease in the

number of new Master Masons being Raised across the state. A very special thank you to Right Excellent King, Matthew D. McGee, Right Illustrious Grand Principle Conductor of the Work Michael S. Wright, and Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sir Knight Trasen Akers for all of their efforts in assuring that this year's Grand Masters Festival was a success.

### **Regional Commandery Festivals**

While we have begun to depend on the annual Grand Masters Festival to bring in new members, I feel that our Regional Degree Conferrals are vital to our York Rite Bodies. These Festivals allow our new members to receive their Degrees and Orders in a much more intimate setting, and to spend more time educating them about what they are witnessing and experiencing. This year, we were able to host both the NE Oklahoma Festival and the Central Oklahoma Festival, after not holding one in Central Oklahoma the previous year. The NE Oklahoma Festival Chapter and Council Degrees were hosted in Tulsa, while the Commandery Orders were conferred in Muskogee again this year. The Central Oklahoma Festival was held in Oklahoma City at Oklahoma No. 36. While we did not create as many new members at these two festivals combined as we did at the Grand Masters Festival, I still feel they are a vital part of our work. These Festivals allow us to reach men who might not otherwise travel longer distances to attend the one-day festival. In the future, I would like to see a Festival return to the Ardmore/Lawton area, which is largely unserved at the moment. Doing so could help take pressure off the Grand Masters Festival as well as possibly increase the number of Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies able to confer our Degrees and Orders.

### **South Central York Rite Conference**

Unfortunately, due to health concerns, my physician directed me not to travel to the 68th Annual South Central York Rite Conference in League City, Texas, on September 19-20, 2025. However, your Grand Commandery was well represented, and your Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sir Knight Trasen Akers addressed the assembly on my behalf. Also representing us were Eminent Grand Captain General Sir Knight Justin McGee and Eminent Grand Junior Warden Ryan Frederick. The 69th Annual South Central York Rite Conference is scheduled for September 18-19, 2026, in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the Holiday Inn Little Rock Airport.

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

The Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage is a program related to the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America. Its mission is to send credentialed Christian Ministers on a Biblical study and historical/cultural immersion experience who would not otherwise have the opportunity. In this program, the various State Grand Commanderies of Knights Templar sponsor Christian Ministers on an expense-paid study pilgrimage in Israel for 11 days. Regrettably, due to unrest in that region, I ultimately decided, after much prayer and consideration, not to send our ministers this year. This decision was not an easy one, nor one taken lightly. But one I felt best served our Order by assuring the safety of those Ministers who would have been traveling into those troubled areas.

Sir Knights, this is an easy and effective way for your Commandery to help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in your local communities. I would encourage every constituent Commandery to nominate a minister for participation in this very important program.

### **Grand Commandery Senior Wardens Retreat**

The annual Grand Commandery Senior Wardens Retreat was held in Muskogee, OK, on February 27 - 29, 2026. This annual retreat is a wonderful opportunity for the Grand Officers and others in attendance to exchange ideas, discuss matters facing our Grand Commandery, such as membership, festivals, and policies, as well as affording them a chance to receive valuable input from the chairs of various committees. These meetings allow us to examine our work and find ways to keep us relevant to society and our Masonic

Brethren. The retreat is the responsibility of the newly elected Grand Senior Warden and his Lady for planning activities, speakers, and the agenda. This retreat is open to all Sir Knights and highly encouraged for those who might be interested in serving at the State level in the future. I feel strongly that this retreat and the opportunity it provides for the Grand Officers and their families to get together socially are effective tools that foster team growth and positive leadership. It allows our Grand Officers and their families to bond and create a stronger and more effective team atmosphere, which serves our State well. I would like to thank Sir Knight Steven Cox, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, and my Lady Donna McFadden, who filled in for Stevens Lady Susan, for a most enjoyable weekend. It is my sincere hope that the tradition of holding these annual weekend retreats will carry on for years to come.

### **M.: W.: Grand Lodge AF&AM of the State of Oklahoma Officers Installation**

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma received a request to form the lines for the reception line for the 2026 Grand Lodge

Officers and the Arch of Steel for the Grand Master. The installation of the Grand Lodge Officers was held on November 8, 2025, with thirteen Sir Knights present to help form the reception line and the Arch of Steel for the incoming Grand Master of

The Grand Lodge of AF&AM Masons of the State of Oklahoma, Most Worshipful Brother Don Stanton.

I would like to thank the following Sir Knights for their participation in the lines: Justin Harden: John King, REPGC,; Michael T Harden, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer; Laverne Ragain, John Carter, France Reitz, Jr., John Werts, Eminent Grand Sentinel, Billy Hensley, Steven Cox, Eminent Grand Senior Warden, Randall Lloyd, David Sikes.

### **State of Templary and Recommendations**

While recognizing that we continue to face many challenges related to membership losses and Commanderies that continue to struggle, habitually relapsing into a state of lethargy, struggling to have a quorum to meet, and unable to properly open, receive the Grand Officers, and close, much less able to cover the Orders of Templary, I am convinced that if we remain diligent in our labors and can return to place importance on the proper rendition and portrayal of our beautiful ritual we can not only survive but see growth.

Regrettably, we witnessed the surrender of a Charter this year by one of our longstanding, troubled Commanderies. Many of my predecessors have worked with this Commandery to no avail, and they continued to struggle. I attended every one of their meetings along with the Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Jon Greene. I also assigned a new OIC, our Eminent Grand Captain General Sir Knight Justin McGee, to try to help get them back on track. However, despite these actions, the Charter of Calvary Commandery No. 26 was surrendered on October 21, 2025.

I am convinced that we must be diligent in working with other Commanderies in this state in like circumstances. These Commanderies need more than an occasional reminder to get their affairs in proper order. What course of action to pursue is something this Grand Commandery needs to take a serious look at, and I feel confident that the officers coming up behind me will find a way to effectively address this issue and act on it. I remain convinced that the fundamental principles of our Order of Christian Knighthood are well-founded and needed now more than ever. At the same time, I am encouraged to see some of our Constituent Commanderies gaining members and returning to work. I was very impressed by the work we saw performed during our travels around the State during the annual inspection season. Again, I feel that our new strategy of taking the Schools of Instruction to the local Commanderies is proving to show benefits and improved tactics by our Constituent Commanderies.

We belong to an Order that subscribes to the Christian Faith and allows us to share that Faith with our fellow Sir Knights. An order that comprises both a religious and yet militant spirit. We are enlisted under the Banner of the Captain of our Salvation, and as long as we continue to labor among our communities in His Name, we shall prevail. I truly believe that Templary is a direct extension of the ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I also firmly believe that "Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar".

I began my year professing a theme of Servant Leadership. I have asked the Officers of this Grand Commandery to take that ideal to heart. As Grand Commandery Officers, it is our job to serve our Constituent Commanderies and to provide them with the tools and knowledge they need to not only survive but to flourish. It is important that we also train those serving behind us and prepare them for the day when they will be called upon to lead. Placing the needs of others first and performing at the highest level possible at all times. The message, as we have visited the Constituent Commanderies this year, is that we exist solely for them. That we are there to serve them, not to be served ourselves. As this Templar year comes to a close, I would hope that the Sir Knights of Oklahoma feel that we have lived up to that promise and have served them well.

As I reflect on my years in Masonry and Templary in particular, I am reminded of so many great men who served us well and were perfect examples of Servant Leadership. Many of whom have graciously mentored me throughout the years and given me tools that helped to prepare me for my role as Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery.

In Christ, the goal of leadership is not to be served but to serve others well. I trust and pray that the record will reflect that I have served the Sir Knights of Oklahoma well and that I have worked to prepare those coming up behind me to do the same.

### **Appreciation and Conclusion**

I want to personally thank the Grand Officers, the Committee Chairman, and the members of those committees for taking time away from their families to travel and work with me to promote Templary in this great State of Oklahoma throughout the past year. I want to recognize Sir Knights Jon Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder; Robert McLeod, Eminent Grand Generalissimo; Larry White, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer; and James R. Taylor, Jr., Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, for traveling with and often chauffeuring me to events all over Oklahoma. I have truly enjoyed our time together and appreciate your very special friendships.

I want to thank the Past Grand Commanders who were always ready and willing to answer my questions and offer advice, while at the same time never dictating how things should be done. You have been a most valuable resource to me this year.

Again, I cannot thank Sir Knight Jon Greene, Eminent Grand Recorder, enough for his constant attention to the business of this Grand Commandery, his friendship, counsel, and attention to detail. He serves this Grand Commandery well, and I could not imagine this year without him. And to Sir Knight Kent Israel, Eminent Grand Treasurer, for his dedication in protecting our financial investments, as well as his quick responses to my questions regarding the investments of this Grand Commandery.

As I come to the end of this chapter in my life and I prepare to relinquish command over the Commanderies of this great State, I have come to realize that the words of my predecessors with respect to how quickly this year would pass were so very true. While we are never able to accomplish all that we set out to do, I feel that we have an officer line behind me that will continue to serve and improve the work of Templary in Oklahoma. I have at all times endeavored to do what was best for our beloved Order and to earn the trust reposed in me by the Sir Knights of Oklahoma. If I have succeeded in that mission, then I will consider the time, travel, thoughts, and energies well spent. One of the greatest rewards from this experience was the opportunity to travel around the State and Country, meeting Sir Knights from around the world and forming lasting bonds and

friendships with men I might otherwise never have had the chance to meet. This will be a year I will never forget and will treasure the memories of for a lifetime.

In His Service,

Mark K. McFadden

Right Eminent Grand Commander 2025-2026

**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, 2025

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
General Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2025	\$97,209.02
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	\$ (600.00)
Dividend/Interest Earned	\$ 3,465.45
Appreciation	<u>8,809.07</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2025	\$108,883.54

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
Perpetual Membership	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2025	\$278,227.73
Deposits	\$ 7,065.00
Withdrawals	\$ (8,563.83)
Dividend/Interest Earned	\$ 10,322.53
Appreciation	<u>18,557.93</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2025	\$305,609.36

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
Holy Land Endowment Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2025	\$126,631.02
Deposits	\$ 2,700.00
Withdrawals	\$ -
Dividend/Interest Earned	\$ 4,813.89
Appreciation	<u>8,955.09</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2025	\$143,100.00

Grand Commandery Investment Account	
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	
Beginning Balance, January 1, 2025	\$4,363.76
Deposits	2,298.00
Withdrawals	150.00
Appreciation	<u>-120.35</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2025	\$6,691.41

**Grand Commandery Investment Account  
Joint Account-Membership Development**

Beginning Balance, January 1, 2025	\$78,570.23
Deposits	0.00
Withdrawals	-600.00
Dividend/Interest Earned	2,799.73
Appreciation	<u>7,727.97</u>
Ending Balance, December 31, 2025	\$88,497.93

**Total Perpetual Members Grand Commandery, KT of Oklahoma**

As of 1/23/2025 4/14/2026 9:55	New Members in 2025	Total: Members	9	Total Investment	Total Dues	Total Div/Interest Distributed	To Grand		Total to Grand Commandery	To Local		Total to Local Commanderies
							Living	Dead		Commandery Living	Commandery Deceased	
Ardmore, No. 9		27	15	9,015.50	570.00	289.40	49.94	101.47	151.42	94.20	437.8	137.98
Ben Hur (Ponca City), No. 14	1	39	15	14,389.00	903.67	440.22	44.00	188.06	232.06	64.82	143.34	208.16
Calvary (B'ville), No. 26		38	32	12,096.00	706.40	388.28	72.71	81.98	154.68	200.74	32.86	233.60
Elk City, No. 22		59	26	17,245.00	1,121.00	553.56	67.70	233.99	301.69	138.38	113.49	251.88
Guthrie, No. 1		31	14	10,485.00	699.00	572.02	43.82	225.63	269.45	78.00	224.57	302.57
Lawton, No. 18		55	38	12,900.00	840.00	935.55	75.78	261.25	337.03	188.08	410.45	598.53
McAlester, No. 6	5	63	31	16,222.50	1,081.70	448.52	69.80	203.01	292.81	97.89	57.82	155.71
Muskogee, No. 2		85	46	31,695.00	1,805.00	1,017.41	169.13	384.15	553.28	296.96	167.17	464.13
Norman, No. 38		65	46	16,106.78	1,068.74	517.03	92.87	104.42	197.29	236.74	83.00	319.74
Oklahoma No. 3.		198	113	62,080.00	3,985.00	1,992.77	324.52	579.37	903.89	732.12	356.76	1,088.88
St. Aumur (Woodward), No. 29		43	26	7,160.00	454.00	229.84	47.18	111.04	164.18	47.18	18.48	65.66
St. Johns (Stillwater), No. 8		48	27	12,945.10	862.34	415.54	111.08	174.83	235.49	111.08	68.97	180.05
Trinity (Tulsa), No. 20	3	123	54	50,330.00	3,329.10	2,507.97	126.56	765.44	892.00	365.13	1,250.84	1,615.97
13	9	874	483	272,669.88	17,425.95	10,308.11	1,315.09	3,414.63	4,685.25	2,651.32	2,971.54	5,622.86
						3.78%		4,729.72	1.72%		5,622.86	10,308.11
<b>As of December 31, 2025</b>												
Percentage used in making calculations:												
<b>Interest and Dividends Earned in 2025</b>				Div/Int earned in 2025	\$10,322.53		\$10,322.53					\$4,685.25
				Distributed in 2026	\$10,308.11		\$10,308.11					\$5,622.86
				Retained in Fund	\$14.42		\$14.42					\$10,308.11

In 2025, equity markets were defined by moderating inflation, restrictive but stabilizing interest rates, and selective growth rather than broad-based rallies. Central banks, particularly the Federal Reserve, maintained a cautious stance, prioritizing price stability over aggressive rate cuts. This environment favored quality, cash-flow-positive companies over speculative growth.

Market performance was uneven. Large-cap, dividend-paying stocks—especially in energy, healthcare, defense, and select financials—outperformed due to strong balance sheets and pricing power. In contrast, smaller-cap and highly leveraged firms faced continued pressure from higher borrowing costs.

Volatility remained elevated but more rational, driven by earnings fundamentals rather than excess liquidity. Investors increasingly rewarded capital discipline, shareholder returns, and operational efficiency. Fixed income regained relevance, with short- and intermediate-term bonds offering attractive risk-adjusted yields, reinforcing a renewed focus on capital preservation.

The market has been crazy, and I feel like our investments are well invested, I appreciate Josh at Morgan Stanley, Jon Greene, and our Investment Advisory Committee. I believe we have the right conservative portfolio. Again, this year we received more dividends and interest than in years past.

### **Perpetual Membership Account Information**

874 Total Members at 12/31/2025

9 New Members in 2025

391 Living Members

483 Deceased Members

Interest/Dividends earned in 2025: \$10,322.53

Div/Int distributed to Grand Commandery in 2026 for Div/Int earned in 2024: \$4,685.25

Div/Int distributed to Local Commanderies in 2026 for Div/Int earned in 2024: \$5,622.86

Last year, for comparison.

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

We added 9 new members to our Perpetual Members list in 2025. We had much larger dividends and interest earned in 2025, which were able to be paid out in 2026. This is very good news. The thing to watch is that we added 9 new perpetual members, but lost 19 to death or withdraw.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Kenton M. Israel [22, 3]

**REPORT OF THE EMINENT GRAND RECORDER – JON B. GREENE**

**Annual Statistical Report – Start: 1/1/2025 End: 12/31/2025**

**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>1,149</u>
Total number KNIGHTED =	<u>36</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>49</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>9</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)	<u>94</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>55</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>85</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>47</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)	<u>187</u>	
Net Gain (Net Loss) =		<u>(93)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		<u>= 1,056</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, 2025**

No.	Name	2025 Members End of Year	Knighthood	Admitted	Reinstated	ADD Adjustment	Demitted	Suspended	Deceased	Expelled/Withdraw	DELETE Adjusted	Net Gain or (Loss)	2026 Members End of Year	Perpetual Members	Unable to Pay	KTEF Life (Not Perpetual)
1	Guthrie	69	2	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	(3)	66	18	0	66
2	Muskogee	109	6	0	1	0	3	9	7	0	0	(12)	97	34	0	97
3	Oklahoma	221	6	1	1	0	3	4	9	0	0	(8)	213	86	1	121
6	McAlester	90	9	0	0	0	0	22	2	0	0	(15)	75	33	0	75
8	St. John's	53	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	53	22	0	52
9	Ardmore	61	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	61	12	0	12
14	Ben Hur	46	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	(3)	43	25	0	23
18	Lawton	85	4	1	1	0	1	17	4	0	0	(16)	69	18	0	30
20	Trinity	170	1	7	2	0	3	7	4	0	0	(4)	166	72	8	165
22	Elk City	79	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	(2)	77	31	0	28
26	Calvary	45	1	0	0	0	41	1	4	0	0	(45)	0	0	0	0
29	St. Aumer	32	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	32	18	0	31
38	Norman	89	2	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	(1)	88	16	0	33
101	Holding	0	0	38	0	0	3	19	0	0	0	16	16	4	0	7
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1149</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(93.00)</b>	<b>1056</b>	<b>389</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>740</b>

Name	Dues	Fees	Grand Commandery Per Capita	Grand Encampment Per Capita	DeMolay	KTEF	Holy Land Pilgrimage	Reinstatements	Dispensations	Net Amount	Perpetual Member Per Capita Return	TOTAL
Guthrie			\$720.00	\$432.00	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$132.00	\$0.00		\$1,296.00	\$302.57	\$1,598.57
Muskogee	\$55.00	\$100.00	\$945.00	\$567.00	\$15.75	\$0.00	\$194.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$1,741.75	\$464.13	\$2,205.88
Oklahoma	\$35.00	\$75.00	\$1,890.00	\$1,143.00	\$31.50	\$91.00	\$426.00	\$10.00		\$3,591.50	\$1,088.88	\$4,680.38
McAlester	\$30.00	\$50.00	\$630.00	\$378.00	\$10.50	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$1,178.50	\$155.71	\$1,334.21
St. John's	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$465.00	\$279.00	\$7.75	\$1.00	\$106.00	\$10.00		\$868.75	\$180.05	\$1,048.80
Ardmore	\$34.00	\$75.00	\$735.00	\$441.00	\$12.25	\$49.00	\$122.00	\$0.00		\$1,359.25	\$137.98	\$1,497.23
Ben Hur	\$47.25	\$105.00	\$270.00	\$162.00	\$4.50	\$20.00	\$86.00	\$0.00		\$542.50	\$208.16	\$750.66
Lawton			\$765.00	\$459.00	\$12.75	\$39.00	\$138.00	\$10.00		\$1,423.75	\$598.53	\$2,022.28
Trinity	\$48.00	\$110.00	\$1,290.00	\$846.00	\$21.50	\$0.00	\$332.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$2,519.50	\$1,615.97	\$4,135.47
Elk City			\$690.00	\$414.00	\$11.50	\$49.00	\$154.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$1,328.50	\$251.88	\$1,580.38
Calvary			\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Aumer			\$210.00	\$126.00	\$3.50	\$1.00	\$64.00	\$0.00		\$404.50	\$65.66	\$470.16
Norman			\$1,080.00	\$648.00	\$18.00	\$55.00	\$176.00	\$10.00		\$1,987.00	\$319.74	\$2,306.74
Holding	\$100.00	\$0.00		\$108.00	\$3.00	\$9.00	\$32.00	\$0.00		\$152.00	\$233.60	\$385.60
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$9,690.00</b>	<b>\$6,003.00</b>	<b>\$161.50</b>	<b>\$305.00</b>	<b>\$2,080.00</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>		<b>\$18,309.50</b>		<b>\$23,630.76</b>

## 2025 Grand Commandery Budget Actual VS Budget

	<u>Jan - Dec 25</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>			
<b>4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS</b>			
4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	11,100.00	11,100.00	0.00
4020 · Grand Encampment Assessment	6,750.00	6,750.00	0.00
4030 · KT Eye Foundation Assessment	298.00	298.00	0.00
4050 · DeMolay Donation	185.00	185.00	0.00
<b>Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS</b>	<b>18,333.00</b>	<b>18,333.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME</b>			
4110 · PEM INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	4,148.41	4,139.42	8.99
4120 · Interest Income	600.00	3,179.19	-2,579.19
<b>Total 4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	<b>4,748.41</b>	<b>7,318.61</b>	<b>-2,570.20</b>
<b>4200 · FEES/DONATIONS</b>			
4210 · Order Fees	640.00	1,000.00	-360.00
4220 · Dispensation Fee	0.00	10.00	-10.00
4230 · Reinstatement Fee	30.00	30.00	0.00
<b>Total 4200 · FEES/DONATIONS</b>	<b>670.00</b>	<b>1,040.00</b>	<b>-370.00</b>
<b>4300 · RESALE</b>			
4310 · Ritual Resale	90.00	300.00	-210.00
<b>Total 4300 · RESALE</b>	<b>90.00</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>-210.00</b>
<b>4600 · MISC INCOME</b>			
4620 · KTEF Donations	0.00	300.00	-300.00
4650 · MISC INCOME - Other	0.00	200.00	-200.00
<b>Total 4600 · MISC INCOME</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>-500.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>23,841.41</b>	<b>27,491.61</b>	<b>-3,650.20</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>23,841.41</b>	<b>27,491.61</b>	<b>-3,650.20</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>5000 · STAFF</b>			
5010 · Grand Recorder Salary	6,187.50	6,750.00	-562.50
5020 · Payroll Taxes	528.91	577.34	-48.43
5030 · Grand Treasurer's Expenses	0.00	200.00	-200.00
<b>Total 5000 · STAFF</b>	<b>6,716.41</b>	<b>7,527.34</b>	<b>-810.93</b>
<b>5100 · ASSESSMENTS</b>			
5110 · Per Capita- G.Encampment/KTEF	10,715.00	10,715.00	0.00
5130 · DeMolay Donation	300.00	300.00	0.00
<b>Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS</b>	<b>11,015.00</b>	<b>11,015.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>6000 · CONFERENCE / TRAVEL</b>			
6010.24 · R.E.G.C. - Travel - Chaney	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
6010.25 · R.E.G.C. - Travel - McFadden	0.00	1,250.00	-1,250.00
6011 · Grand Recorder's Travel	0.00	200.00	-200.00
6020 · R.E.G.C. Grand Sessions Expense	0.00	275.00	-275.00
6030 · Grand Sessions Host Expense	55.86	75.00	-19.14
6040 · Grand Sessions-Headquarters	304.12	1,140.00	-835.88
6045 · Grand Sessions-Grand Master	0.00	200.00	-200.00
6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards	100.00	100.00	0.00
6065 · Knight Com of Temple Jewel	200.00	200.00	0.00

## 2025 Grand Commandery Budget Actual vs. Budget – Continued.

6080 · Triennial			
6080-25 · Triennial (25)	0.00	861.75	-861.75
6080 · Triennial - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 6080 · Triennial	0.00	861.75	-861.75
6090 · Grand Commandery Retreat	0.00	300.00	-300.00
Total 6000 · CONFERENCE/ TRAVEL	659.98	5,851.75	-5,191.77
7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE			
7100 · Rent			
7130 · Field Day/Other Rent	100.00	100.00	0.00
Total 7100 · Rent	100.00	100.00	0.00
7200 · Telecommunications			
7220 · Website	63.96	63.96	0.00
Total 7200 · Telecommunications	63.96	63.96	0.00
7300 · Office Supplies			
7310 · General Office Supplies	0.00	40.00	-40.00
7320 · INK	0.00	60.00	-60.00
7330 · Computer Software			
7330.1 · QuickBooks	333.00	333.00	0.00
7330.2 · Microsoft	0.00	33.00	-33.00
7330.3 · MailChimp	0.00	320.00	-320.00
7330 · Computer Software - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 7330 · Computer Software	333.00	686.00	-353.00
7340 · Office Equipment	361.72		
Total 7300 · Office Supplies	694.72	786.00	-91.28
7400 · Printing and Reproduction			
7410 · Pre-Print	255.88	75.00	180.88
7420 · Proceedings	0.00	15.00	-15.00
Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction	255.88	90.00	165.88
7500 · Postage and Delivery			
7510 · PO Box Rental	70.00	70.00	0.00
7520 · Stamps	0.00	33.00	-33.00
Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery	70.00	103.00	-33.00
7600 · Insurance			
7610 · Bond Premium	75.67	76.67	-1.00
Total 7600 · Insurance	75.67	76.67	-1.00
Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE	1,260.23	1,219.63	40.60
8000 · MISC			
8020 · KT Regalia	2,215.10	1,275.00	940.10
8070 · Misc - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total 8000 · MISC	2,215.10	1,275.00	940.10
Total Expense	21,866.72	26,888.72	-5,022.00
Net Income	1,974.69	602.89	1,371.80

## 2025 Grand Commandery Membership Actual vs. Budget

	Jan - Dec 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Income</b>			
4550 · Membership Development			
4551 · Membership Development Interest	0.00	707.50	-707.50
4550 · Membership Development - Other	0.00		0.00
<b>Total 4550 · Membership Development</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>707.50</b>	<b>-707.50</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>707.50</b>	<b>-707.50</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>707.50</b>	<b>-707.50</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
9000 · MEMBERSHIP			
9010 · Promotional Expense	480.76	400.00	80.76
9020 · DeMolay Sword	624.94	100.00	524.94
9030 · G.W. Memorial-Dig Proceedings	0.00	200.00	-200.00
<b>Total 9000 · MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>1,105.70</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>405.70</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>1,105.70</b>	<b>700.00</b>	<b>405.70</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-1,105.70</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>-1,113.20</b>

## 2025 Grand Commandery Holy Land Pilgrimage Actual vs. Budget

	Jan - Dec 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget
<b>Income</b>			
4500 · Holyland Pilgrimage			
4520 · HLP from Commandery Per Capita	2,298.00	2,298.00	0.00
4530 · HLP Other Donations	0.00		
<b>Total 4500 · Holyland Pilgrimage</b>	<b>2,298.00</b>	<b>2,298.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>2,298.00</b>	<b>2,298.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>2,298.00</b>	<b>2,298.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
9200 · HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE			
9220 · HLP Transfer to Investment Acct	2,298.00	2,298.00	0.00
<b>Total 9200 · HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE</b>	<b>2,298.00</b>	<b>2,298.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>2,298.00</b>	<b>2,298.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

We suffered a significant membership loss in 2025. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do about those Sir Knights who have put down their “working tools”. However, we can work on our suspensions. I started looking at some of our past annual returns.

	Knights	Affiliations	Reinstated	Demit	SNPD	Deceased	Net
2022	59	6	4	9	41	45	(26)
2023	69	5	4	5	33	37	3
2024	64	7	5	18	48	36	(26)
2025	36	11	9	14	85	47	(93)

In 2022, we had 9 demits, 41 suspensions, and 45 deaths, for a membership loss of 3. We did better in 2023. We had 5 demits, 33 suspensions, and 37 deaths, for a membership gain of 3. In 2024, we had 18 demits, 48 suspensions, and 36 deaths, for a loss of 26. This year, we had 14 demits, 85 suspensions, and 47 deaths, for a membership loss of 93 Sir Knights! We have to contact the suspended Companions to find out what went wrong and how we can get them back. Each Chapter needs a Membership committee dedicated to calling

those who have not paid their current-year dues. If we want to remain relevant in Oklahoma Masonry, we need to address our losses.

One thing we hear is, “We aren’t raising Master Masons.” In 2022, we raised 239 Master Masons, 207 in 2023, 224 in 2024, and 181 in 2025. While these numbers may not be as high as they were in the past, we are still raising Master Masons! In 2022, we Knighted 59 new Sir Knights, 67 in 2023, 64 in 2024, and 36 in 2025. Our Membership Team (Committee) sends invitations to all Master Masons raised in the past 3 years. We also send invitations to those who have been in a little longer but never joined the York Rite. We all need to remember that we are all members of the Membership Team.

For the 2025 budget, we did well. We were allowed up to \$3,179.19 in dividends from the General Funds investment account. We only withdrew \$600.00. Most of those funds were spent on a new computer for the office. I have done my best to watch our budget and spend funds only when necessary.

Personally, I would like to thank S.K. Larry White’s lady, DeDee, for her help. We ran out of Commandery Tactics manuals. DeDee got one of our manuals and retyped the entire book! I am in the process of adding the graphics back in. Once that is done, I will send a copy to our Work and Tactics Team (Committee) for review and error identification. The Grand Recorder’s office will no longer have rituals or tactics manuals in stock. If a Commandery needs to order rituals, the Recorder will need to contact the Grand Recorder’s office. He will then put in an order with either our printer or the Grand Encampment. The rituals will be mailed to the Commandery Recorder. The Grand Recorder will then invoice the Commandery for the rituals.

I would also like to thank S.K. Mark K. McFadden, our Right Eminent Grand Commander. We have car (pick-up)-pooled together all over the State. Sir, it has been a pleasure working with you this year.

Respectfully submitted:

Jon B. Greene [20]

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

PER ARTICLE IV

## **TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE**

To be given verbally

John E. King [22] – Chairman, Glen A. Chaney [18] – Recorder, All Past Grand Commanders

## **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, don’t hesitate to contact a member of the Credentials Committee.

Your badge should include your banquet meal tickets and, if you registered, entry to the luncheon on Friday.

If you are interested in serving on the Credentials Committee, let us know. You should be available Thursday afternoon, Friday morning, and Saturday morning, and can quickly and effectively hand out badges and meal tickets and handle issues on the fly – consider serving.

Thank you, Jon Greene, our Grand Recorder. We could do little without his assistance.

The voter tally will be announced verbally.

Fraternally submitted,

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

### **FINANCE**

The Finance Committee met via Zoom on February 15, 2026, to review the statements of revenue and expenses for the Grand Commandery Operating Account as prepared by the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer. The Committee found the reports to be accurate and in agreement with the financial institution statements.

Investment reports for the Grand Commandery General Fund, Perpetual Membership Fund, Joint York Rite Membership Development Fund, and Holy Land Pilgrimage Funds were also reviewed and found to be in order and consistent with the Treasurer's records.

The Committee again notes the ongoing challenge created by the mismatch between the calendar-year fiscal budget and the April-to-April officer terms. This continues to complicate budgeting for officer travel. Additionally, funding allocated for Triennial travel remains insufficient, placing an undue financial burden on officers required to travel by statute.

The Committee commends the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer for their continued diligence in safeguarding the Grand Commandery's finances.

The proposed 2026 budget accompanies this report, and the Committee recommends its approval.

## 2026 GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET

<b>Income</b>	
<b>4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS</b>	
4010 · Oklahoma Per Capita	9,690.00
4020 · Grand Encampment Assessment	6,003.00
4030 · KT Eye Foundation Assessment	305.00
4050 · DeMolay Donation	161.50
4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS - Other	
<b>Total 4000 · ANNUAL RETURNS</b>	16,159.50
<b>4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	
4110 · PEM INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS	4,750.00
4120 · Interest Income	3,465.45
<b>Total 4100 · INTEREST / INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	8,215.45
<b>4200 · FEES/DONATIONS</b>	
4210 · Order Fees	600.00
4220 · Dispensation Fee	40.00
4230 · Reinstatement Fee	70.00
4200 · FEES/DONATIONS - Other	
<b>Total 4200 · FEES/DONATIONS</b>	710.00
<b>4300 · RESALE</b>	
4310 · Ritual Resale	100.00
4320 · Misc. Resale	
4330 · PGC Jewel Purchase	
4300 · RESALE - Other	
<b>Total 4300 · RESALE</b>	100.00
<b>4600 · MISC INCOME</b>	
4610 · Reimbursed Expenses	0.00
4620 · KTEF Donations	300.00
4650 · MISC INCOME - Other	200.00
4600 · MISC INCOME - Other	
<b>Total 4600 · MISC INCOME</b>	500.00
<b>Total Income</b>	25,684.95
<b>Gross Profit</b>	25,684.95
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>5000 · STAFF</b>	
5010 · Grand Recorder Salary	6,750.00
5020 · Payroll Taxes	577.02
5030 · Grand Treasurer's Expenses	100.00
<b>Total 5000 · STAFF</b>	7,427.02
<b>5100 · ASSESSMENTS</b>	
5110 · Per Capita- G.Encampment/KTEF	9,817.00
5130 · DeMolay Donation	300.00
5150 · Per Capita Refunds	
<b>Total 5100 · ASSESSMENTS</b>	10,117.00

## 2026 GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET – CONTINUED

<b>6000 · CONFERENCE / TRAVEL</b>	
6010.25 · R.E.G.C. - Travel - McFadden	1,250.00
6010.26 · R.E.G.C. - Travel - Akers	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-Headquarters	1,140.00
6045 · Grand Sessions-Grand Master	200.00
6050 · Grand Sessions-Awards	100.00
6060 · Past Grand Commander Jewel	
6065 · Knight Com of Temple Jewel	200.00
6080 · Triennial	
6080-25 · Triennial (25)	861.75
6080-26 · Triennial (26)	792.00
6080 · Triennial - Other	
<b>Total 6080 · Triennial</b>	792.00
6090 · Grand Commandery Retreat	300.00
6095 · Grand KT Festive Board	1,000.00
<b>Total 6000 · CONFERENCE / TRAVEL</b>	6,782.00
<b>7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	
<b>7100 · Rent</b>	
7110 · Muskogee Storage Rent	0
7130 · Field Day/Other Rent	100.00
7100 · Rent - Other	0.00
<b>Total 7100 · Rent</b>	100.00
<b>7200 · Telecommunications</b>	
7210 · ATT-Phone & Internet	
7220 · Website	75.00
7200 · Telecommunications - Other	
<b>Total 7200 · Telecommunications</b>	75.00
<b>7300 · Office Supplies</b>	
7310 · General Office Supplies	40.00
7320 · INK	60.00
7330 · Computer Software	
7330.1 · QuickBooks	383.00
7330.2 · Microsoft	33.00
7330.3 · MailChimp	320.00
7330 · Computer Software - Other	
<b>Total 7330 · Computer Software</b>	736.00
7340 · Office Equipment	0.00
7300 · Office Supplies - Other	
<b>Total 7300 · Office Supplies</b>	736.00
<b>7400 · Printing and Reproduction</b>	
7410 · Pre-Print	175.00
7420 · Proceedings	15.00
7430 · Publications	
7400 · Printing and Reproduction - Other	
<b>Total 7400 · Printing and Reproduction</b>	190.00

**2026 GRAND COMMANDERY BUDGET – CONTINUED**

7500 · Postage and Delivery	
7510 · PO Box Rental	72.00
7520 · Stamps	33.00
7530 · Special Mailing Exp	0.00
7500 · Postage and Delivery - Other	0.00
<b>Total 7500 · Postage and Delivery</b>	<b>105.00</b>
7600 · Insurance	
7610 · Bond Premium	75.67
<b>Total 7600 · Insurance</b>	<b>75.67</b>
7700 · Repairs	
7710 · Computer Repairs	0.00
7720 · Equipment Repairs	0.00
7700 · Repairs - Other	0.00
<b>Total 7700 · Repairs</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total 7000 · OFFICE EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,281.67</b>
8000 · MISC	
8005 · KTEF Life Sponsor	
8010 · Rituals	
8020 · KT Regalia	0.00
8070 · Misc - Other	
<b>Total 8000 · MISC</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>25,607.69</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>77.26</b>

**MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

<b>Income</b>	
4550 · Membership Development	
4551 · Membership Development Interest	933.24
4550 · Membership Development - Other	
<b>Total 4550 · Membership Development</b>	<b>933.24</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>933.24</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>933.24</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
9000 · MEMBERSHIP	
9010 · Promotional Expense	500.00
9020 · DeMolay Sword	15.00
9030 · G.W. Memorial-Dig Proceedings	100.00
<b>Total 9000 · MEMBERSHIP</b>	<b>615.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>615.00</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>318.24</b>

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

<b>Income</b>	
<b>4500 · Holyland Pilgrimage</b>	
4510 · Holy Land Endowment Interest	4,813.89
4520 · HLP from Commandery Per Capita	2,080.00
4530 · HLP Other Donations	
<b>Total 4500 · Holyland Pilgrimage</b>	<u>6,893.89</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>6,893.89</u>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	6,893.89
<b>Expense</b>	
<b>9200 · HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE</b>	
9210 · HLP Minister/OTHER	1,600.00
9220 · HLP Transfer to Investment Acct	2,080.00
9230 · Airfare to New York	1,500.00
<b>Total 9200 · HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE</b>	<u>5,180.00</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>5,180.00</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>1,713.89</u></u>

NOTE: \*\*Any funds budgeted for Grand Commander's Travel - (2026-2027) not disbursed during 2026 will be carried over to the 2027 budget.

Fraternally Submitted,

Trasen S. Akers [3]- Chairman, Robert W. McLeod [20,2], Justin M. McGee [8,14]

## WORK AND TACTICS

To be given verbally

Respectively submitted,

James R. Taylor, Jr. [20] – Chairman, Glen A. Chaney [18], Larry D. White [20]

## TRIENNIAL MATTERS

The 70th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America is scheduled to be held August 10-18, 2027, in Los Angeles, California. This landmark gathering, held once every three years, brings together Knights Templar from across the nation and serves as the supreme legislative body of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knights can expect the reception of presiding Grand Commanders from the various states and territories, deliberation on resolutions that may impact our General Laws here in Oklahoma, and the Election and Installation of Grand Encampment Officers to lead the Order through the next triennial term.

This is an invaluable opportunity for Sir Knights to witness the Order at its highest level and to represent the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma on the national stage. Further details regarding hotel accommodations, registration fees, and the full program are not yet available. The committee will provide updates as information is released.

Respectfully submitted:

Justin M. McGee [8,14]

## GENERAL MATTERS

First, the Good News.

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

We now have 12 Commanderies, having lost 1 each of the last two years. Calvary Commandry #26 this year. Oklahoma York Rite also had the loss of Altus Chapter and Council. They did not have a separate Commandery.

Per the MMS System, we did not repeat the net growth of 3 from 2024. Our net membership declined from 1175 to 1149 in 2024. This last Calendar year of 2025, we went from 1149 down to 1073. Masonic Bodies, on the whole, are struggling with membership.

Looking at our numbers from a **Calendar year basis**, we AGAIN have much sad news: We now only have 12 Commanderies after Calvary # 26 lost their Charter. We had 36 Deaths; 48 Suspensions (up from last year's 35), and 18 net 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 47 deaths, up from 36 in 2024. Those are not just numbers: let us remember our Comrades who have fallen.

We Knighted 36 New Knights. But that is still twenty-eight less than last year, when we still had 64. We started the year with 1149 and finished with 1073 for a net loss of 76. LET THAT SINK IN. WE LOST 76 MEMBERS, OF 1,149. Yes, we Knighted 36 new Knights. BUT, we suspended 68 and reinstated 9. We had 47 deaths.

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, but we had No Appeals or Grievances.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy P. Israel [22] – Chairman, Robert R. Rolseth [20], Trasen S. Akers

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

With the 57th annual KTEF campaign that ended May 15, 2025, Oklahoma donated a total of \$34,096; a decrease of \$20,575 over last year. The two plaques presented at Grand Sessions, the F.M. "Fritz" Lombard award for the largest total contribution, and the Ned D. Prator award for the largest per-capita contributions are going to one Commandery this year.

The winner of the F.M. "Fritz" Lombard plaque goes to:

Oklahoma No. 3 (Oklahoma City), with total donations of \$16,475

The winner of the Ned D. Prator plaque goes to:

Oklahoma No. 3 with the largest per-capita donations of \$74.55

The 58th annual campaign does not end until May 15, 2026. Please keep those donations coming in.

The goal of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation is to have every Sir Knight of every Commandery 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 37 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 commitment to the charity.

During the 57<sup>th</sup> Campaign, which ended May 15, 2025, the Sir Knights of Oklahoma have donated \$34,096 to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, and I compliment you for your very generous donations. If you are already 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 very little ground over the past year, and I hope we have not become stagnant in our progress toward our goal of 100% Life Sponsor participation. Last year, I reported that we were at 70.1%, and this year we are at 71.1% participation. We have only one Commandery that has maintained 100% life sponsorship. I would rather be at 95-99.9% and have brought in new Sir Knights this past spring than to be at 100% and not have brought in new blood into the fraternity. I feel we can do better, Grand Commandery Officers, you are on this committee, and this is our Charity, let's double down and help achieve this goal.

We have received donations from the Order of the Eastern Star, and a few other individuals, and these donations purchased 18 new Life Sponsorships, and now anyone with a minimum of 25 years as a dues paying member status is now a Life Sponsor in the KTEF. We need to raise \$9,150 to bring the State of Oklahoma up to 100%. I know of several Commandery's 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.

<b>Commandery</b>	<b>% Life Sponsors 2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>Membership</b>
Guthrie No.1	100%	100%	65
Muskogee No. 2	100%	96.9%	97/94
Oklahoma No. 3	58.6%	58.1%	210/122
McAlester No.6	100%	97.5%	79/77
St. Johns No. 8 (Stillwater)	100%	98.1%	53/52
Ardmore No. 9	23.3%	21.3%	60/14
Ben Hur No. 14 (Ponca City)	54.5%	56.8%	44/25
Lawton No. 18	38.1%	43.5%	69/30
Trinity No. 20 (Tulsa)	100%	96.5%	170/164
Elk City No. 22	38.0%	44.2%	77/34
St. Aumer No. 29 (Woodward)	53.1%	96.8%	31/30
Norman No. 38	41.6%	43.5%	85/37

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 to better focus and

coordinate Oklahoma Freemasonry's institutional giving. 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 2026:

President	Jack L. Painter
1st VP	John D. Church
2nd VP	Preston L. Doerflinger
Treasurer	L. Clay Stuart
Secretary	Robert G. Davis
Assistant Secretary	John L. Logan

## **2025 PRELIMINARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

The financials for the period ending December 31, 2025, were reviewed. The consolidated statement of the main Foundation, Woody, and Education fund lists Total Assets of \$115,446,711.52, with General Funds totaling \$23,535,477.67. Endowments for all funds total \$91,911,233.85.

The year-to-date Statement of Support, Revenue, and Expenditures presents Total Revenues of \$16,644,620.82, including Unrealized investment gains of \$5,179,120.25, Realized Investment gains of \$8,028,167.12, and Total Revenue of \$16,644,620.82. Expenditures for 2025 were \$6,367,637.78. The Net Increase for 2025 was \$10,276,983.04

The Defined Benefit Plan assets total \$3,666,839.20. Total Revenue for 2025 was \$483,026.21. Net increase in the plan year for 2025 was \$281,680.43.

## **PROGRAM REVIEW**

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

### **MATCHING FUNDS**

- Total Matching Funds Program use as of December 31, 2025, = \$1,026,145.33
- Community Matching = \$917,155.09
- Promises Matter Matching = \$87,643.74
- Matching Funds applications processed = 1,036
- # of Applications for Promises Matter Matching Purpose = 86
- Matching Funds Applications denied = 32
- # of Lodges using the program in 2024 = 195
- # of Lodges using the program in 2025 = 173

### **PROMISES MATTER GRANTS**

- # of Grants issued = 18
- # of Lodges using the program in 2025 = 12
- # of Chapters using the program in 2025 = 2
- Emergency grants issued = 13
- Average grant amount = \$2,513.74
- The average age of grant recipients = 62

- Total Promises Matter Grants issued during 2025 = \$45,247.29
- Total # of grants issues since inception = 715
- Total amount of grants since inception = \$2,069,608.23

### **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 2025, Creekmore Lodge 74 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.

- Owasso Lodge 545 presented their winning \$5,000 grant to STEP Survival Foundation.
- Creekmore Lodge 74 split their winning \$5,000 grant between Madill City County Library (\$2,500) and Madill High School Band (\$2,500).

### **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. In December, Vizavance celebrated its 6 millionth child vision screening. The Foundation will provide \$300,000 to cover the program’s 2026 ongoing costs. Since the partnership’s inception in 1986, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma has granted them \$5,909,078. One Mission Advancing Children’s Education Through Better Vision!

### **Food Bank**

Since 2011, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma has supported Food for Kids Programs at the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma and the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, to cover all 77 counties in the state. Support for Senior Food Programs began in 2019.

The Masonic Food for Kids campaign runs from August 1 through October 15. This statewide effort combines the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma, the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, the Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma, and KOTV Channel 6 in Tulsa and KOCO Channel 5 in Oklahoma City. Food for Kids is one of three statewide projects that aim to enhance the Fraternity’s image while supporting a significant charitable or educational purpose.

Total Support for the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma = \$558,149.13 (serves 24 counties)

Total Support for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma = \$975,300.37 (serves 53 counties)

### **OETA**

OETA is Oklahoma’s public broadcasting station. It is one of three statewide projects that aim to enhance the Fraternity’s image while supporting a significant charitable or educational purpose. Since 1994, the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma has granted OETA \$1,376,412.50.

### **Disaster Appeals**

There were two Disaster Appeals from the Masonic Service Association in 2025. One for flooding in Kentucky and the other for wildfires in California. The Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma contributed \$1,000 to each appeal.

### **Education**

Our support for public education was demonstrated in seven 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 State Teacher of the Year is awarded a \$7,500 check, and each of the eleven finalists receives \$1,500. Each local Teacher of the Year receives a certificate of appreciation.
2. **Student of Today & Teacher of Today**
  - Total # of certificates issued for Student of Today = 1,894
  - Total # of certificates issued for Teacher of Today = 660
  - Participating schools = 587
  - 141 of 194 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 with a medallion by the Grand Master and members of the Alliance's leadership. The next event will be held on April 21, 2026.
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 trains kindergarten and transitional 1st-grade teachers by providing scholarships for advanced reading techniques. In 2025, \$225,000 was provided, with \$200,000 allocated for teacher scholarships and \$25,000 to support their Digital Phonics Program.
5. **The Youth Scholarship Program- as of 1/21/2026**
  - 3 students graduated - Fall 2025
  - 1 student did not submit a transcript Fall 2025
  - 3 students disqualified - GPA below 3.0 requirement - Spring 2026
  - 1 student did not return for the Spring 2026 term
  - 6 students haven't submitted the required documentation for Spring 2026
  - 39 scholarships paid for the Spring 2026 term

The 2025-2026 scholarship program awarded 53 \$4,000 scholarships to 23 Youth Order members and 29 Children/Grandchildren of Master Masons. The 2026 budget includes authorizing 62 scholarships at \$4,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.

6. **The Senior Essay Contest** was launched in 1966 in support of education. Writing teaches critical thinking skills. The essay contest is open to all seniors in Oklahoma public schools. The Masonic Fraternity in Oklahoma sponsors it as part of its continuing commitment to education. Cash prizes range from \$2,000 for 1<sup>st</sup> place to \$200 for 15<sup>th</sup> place. Also, a \$5,000 grant will be made to the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner's high school. For the 2025 – 2026 contests, 529 seniors entered. A total of \$13,700 was awarded to the 15 statewide winners, and a \$5,000 grant to the school of the statewide first-place winner. Certificates for presentation to the local division winners of 62 high schools sponsored by 54 Lodges will be provided to the local Lodge.

**7. Winter Holiday Card Visual Arts Contest – as of 1/21/2026**

The winning designs of the 2025-2026 school year contest were used as the 2025 Holiday Cards for the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma.

Virtual Artwork received to date: PK-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade 16, 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade 27, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade 16, 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade 35, Seniors 20, for a total of 114 submissions.

**Senior Assistance Program-** Through an agreement with the Oklahoma Area Agencies on Aging, a Department of Human Services division, \$680,607 was given in December 2025 to assist needy Oklahomans aged 55 and over with services not covered by existing government programs during the calendar year 2026. Since the program's inception in 2007, the Foundation, in the name of the Edgar M. Woody Fund for the Aged, has donated \$13,671,510 to enhance the lives of seniors in our communities. These eleven agencies can be accessed by calling 1-800-211-2116 or at [www.okdhs.org](http://www.okdhs.org).

## **CHARITABLE GRANTS**

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

- Hearts for Hearing provides audiology and speech pathology services in a unique one-stop setting for children with hearing loss. Charitable services for young children help them learn to speak, connect with the world, and become self-sufficient members of their families and communities. A \$1,000,000 commitment from the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma to the building expansion effort was completed in 2025.
- 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 2026 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 facility's operations in 2026.

## **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 2025, a \$12,000 grant was provided to the Eastern OK Food Bank and the Regional Food Bank of OK.
- Masonic Charity supports Masonic youth orders! In addition, \$36,396 in Matching Funds was provided to local DeMolay, Rainbow, and Job's Daughters in 2025. 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 the 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](http://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**

We have held Zoom meetings to discuss the advancement of the York Rite in Oklahoma. We have also held and promoted two regional degree festivals, one in Oklahoma City and two in Tulsa /Muskogee. We have also held and promoted the Grand Master's Festival for the past several years, with good attendance. Discussions have been had on the best way to stop membership losses. Through the diligence of our Grand Recorder, our membership database now reflects our membership numbers much more accurately. By comparing our database with the Grand Lodge database, he has identified many members who were deceased or no longer eligible for membership due to non-masonic affiliation and has removed them from our rolls. This results in significant savings in annual per-capita paid.

Communication between our Bodies is key to our success, and I feel that the lines of communication have served us well this year.

We also held very productive discussions during the 2026 Senior Wardens Retreat.

Moving forward, it will be essential for all three bodies to focus on long-range goals and plans as our membership numbers, as well as the number of Master Masons Raised, continue to decline.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark K. McFadden [2] – Chairman, Trasen S. Akers [3], Robert W. McLeod [2, 20], Justin M. McGee [8,14]

## **MEMBERSHIP**

In this past year, the banners of our Commanderies have flown high across the State of Oklahoma. Through renewed zeal and steadfast labor, we gathered in regional conclaves and the Annual Grand Masters Festival. These assemblies were more than ceremonies; they were councils of strength, proving that the spirit of the York Rite yet endures, vigilant and unbowed.

Each Sir Knight here assembled is sworn to more than attendance; we are sworn to guardianship. The charge of membership does not rest upon one office or one committee; it is the sacred duty of every Companion who has taken the vows. The future of our noble Rite depends upon our willingness to bear its Light beyond these walls. We must ride forth to our Lodges, speak with the voice of conviction, and invite worthy men to join us upon this honorable path. For if we do not proclaim our cause, who shall take up the cry?

The records of the year reveal that 85 Sir Knights were suspended between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025, for failure to remit their dues. These are not merely names struck from a roll. They are Brothers who once stood in armor beside us, who once pledged themselves to this high calling. Their absence is a

summons—not to reproach, but to reflection. We must ask, as watchful sentinels of the Rite: *where did we fail to keep the fire lit?*

Let us therefore act with purpose and mercy. A message sent, a door knocked upon, a hand extended in brotherhood may yet restore a fallen Knight to the field. When we listen with honor and act with resolve, we strengthen the bonds of our Order and prove ourselves worthy of the vows we have sworn.

Be it also known that the Light yet draws seekers to our gates. In this year, we:

- Knighted 36 new Sir Knights
- Reinstated 8 Sir Knights who returned to our ranks

These victories remind us that men still yearn for fellowship, for purpose, and for a cause greater than themselves, and they are finding it beneath the banners of the York Rite.

With solemn hearts, we also render honor to the 47 Sir Knights who were called from the laborers of this world to the Celestial Asylum above by the Grand Architect of the Universe. Their watch has ended; their swords are laid aside. Yet their example remains, urging us onward. Let us honor them not only in remembrance, but by standing firm in the work they loved.

Sir Knights, the hour is upon us. Let us take up the charge anew. Let us reclaim those who have strayed from the path. Let us guide the searching traveler toward the Light. Oklahoma York Rite is a sacred trust placed in our keeping, and it is ours to defend, to strengthen, and to pass on unbroken.

In closing, I offer my deepest gratitude to our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Mark K. McFadden, for granting me the honor to serve as State Membership Chairman during his watch. His leadership has been steady and true.

Sincerely,

John E. Werts [20]

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

(PER ARTICLE V)

### **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

The Education Scholarship committee individually ranks the candidates and then ranks 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: Tim Israel, Chairman, T. S. Akers, Jay Wall, 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 eighth year of giving four \$1,500 scholarships – two to female applicants and two to male applicants. There is not a specifically required criteria for receiving the scholarships.

This year, we had a very limited number of applicants. In fact, we had 4 females and 4 males.

Respectfully submitted,

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

### **PRINTING**

The 2025 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, so 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](http://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 were once again unable to send the ministers on this year's trip because of concerns for their personal safety. The decision to withhold sending ministers again this year was made after considerable thought and prayer. It is my sincere hope that we will be able to send ministers to participate in the 2027 journey.

The previously selected ministers were Pastor Scott Keneda of Edmond and Pastor Paul Vanderveer of McAlester. Once we can safely send ministers again, these two will be offered the first opportunity to participate.

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. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as chairman of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark K. McFadden [2] – Chairman, Robert W. McLeod [20, 2], John L. Logan [29]

## **COMMITTEES BY STANDING RESOLUTION**

### **DEMOLAY**

It has been an honor to serve on the DeMolay Committee for the Grand Commandery 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 two good candidates from the Executive Officer of DeMolay for the York Rite Outstanding DeMolay of the Year Award. We were all impressed with the accomplishments of the candidates we received. We hope that they and many others will join the York Rite when the time comes and become active with us.

We also appreciate all of the effort given by Committeeman Michael Branson, who passed on this last year; he will be greatly missed in all Masonic circles.

Sincerely,

Kenton M. Israel [22, 3] – Chairman, Timothy P. Israel [22], Jon B. Greene [20]

### **INVESTMENT ADVISORY BOARD**

The Investment Committee consists of three members, each elected by the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery, respectively, serving staggered terms. The purpose of the Committee is to offer advice to the Grand Treasurer, who is responsible for the investments of the Grand York Bodies. The Investment Committee will meet at the request of the Grand Treasurer at places and times convenient to the committee members. The agendas for such meetings are typically to review the investment results for the nearest period ending and any other such matters as deemed appropriate by the Grand Treasurer.

The Committee met via Zoom on February 4, 2026. The Committee is of the opinion that the actions of the Grand Treasurer are in accordance with the Investment Policy guidelines of the Grand York Rite Bodies, and thanks the Grand Treasurer for his efforts in managing the investments of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,

Mathew A. Turner, Grand Commandery Representative 2024-2027

James R. Taylor, Jr., Grand Council Representative 2025-2028

John L. Logan, Grand Chapter Representative 2023-2026

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

(NOT IN THE CONSTITUTION, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS)

### **KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE**

All monthly State News that were received were published.

Respectfully submitted,w

John E. King [22]

## **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES**

The Digital Technologies Committee has been hard at work this year, doing our best to keep the information on the website as up to date as possible. The Grand Recorder has put the forms our constituent Recorders need on the site. These include the Perpetual applications, membership applications (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. Mark K. McFadden, 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]

## **MEMBERSHIP ENHANCEMENT**

Masonry's membership in general continues to dwindle slowly, but we have again done much to combat that loss. The Grand Master's Festival and regional festivals continue to bring new members into our Commanderies. We must also provide a positive environment for these new members so they will find their new Templar home welcoming and valuable.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of every single member who has devoted time and effort to assisting throughout the State, whether through recruitment, degrees, stage setup, or other areas. I would also like to commend our Membership Committee and its new Chairman, John Wertz, for a job well done.

Remember, Sir Knights, this Committee is all of us working together towards the future of Chivalric Masonry in Oklahoma.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark K. McFadden [2] – Chairman, Trasen S. Akers [3], Robert W. McLeod [2, 20], Justin M. McGee [8,14]

## **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, 2025, our fund balance was \$143,100.00. We did not have any expenditures from the fund in 2025

On behalf of the Committee, I thank the forty-nine Sir Knights 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

Respectfully submitted,

John L. Logan, [29, 1]

## **REGIONAL FESTIVALS**

The Northeast Oklahoma Commandery Festival was held at the Muskogee Masonic Temple on Saturday, February 21, 2026. Nine new Sir Knights were Knighted that afternoon. At the time of this report, the Central Oklahoma Commandery Festival is an ongoing event. This report will be modified once the Festival has concluded.

The committee would like to thank all the Oklahoma Sir Knights who helped make the Regional Festivals a success.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Robert W. McLeod [20, 2]

## **GRAND MASTERS FESTIVAL**

The Grand Master's Festival was held on the 25th of July at the Norman Masonic Temple in Norman, Oklahoma. The event was conducted in a spirit of unity, fellowship, and devotion to the principles of the Order.

The Festival was held in honor of James R. Roderick, Grand Master of Masons in Oklahoma, whose leadership and steadfast commitment to the Craft were recognized and celebrated throughout the day's proceedings. His presence lent distinction to the occasion and inspired all in attendance.

A total of twenty-seven (27) new Sir Knights were created during the Festival. The conferral of the Orders was carried out with dignity and excellence, reflecting the high standards of our jurisdiction. The strong class of candidates stands as a testament to the vitality of Templar Masonry and the continued growth of our Commanderies.

The success of the Festival was made possible through the dedicated efforts of the officers, degree teams, and supporting Sir Knights who labored diligently to ensure a meaningful and memorable experience for our newest members.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Trasen S. Akers [3]

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING**

This Committee has identified several areas of need and is working on long-term plans to address them, in hopes of improving the strength and performance of our Constituent Commanderies and the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.

- 1) We would like to see more Commanderies make use of and apply for the Knight Crusader Award. This program is a great Template for making a Commandery and its Sir Knights successful. When used, it will help a Commandery become more visible to area Lodges and the public.
- 2) We would like to see more Commanderies working with Work and Tactics and requesting schools of instruction to improve the core knowledge of the officers of the Constituent Bodies officers as to their duties and roles.

- 3) As previously suggested by prior committees, we would like to see Commanders provide education on our Constitution and Laws by requiring them to be read and discussed at each Commanderies monthly business meetings.
- 4) We would like to see more Commanderies participating in the full inspection process. Every Commandery in the State, at a minimum, should be able to open, receive the Grand Officers, perform the Order of the Temple, and close in proper form.
- 5) Encourage more of our members to participate in the Commissioned Templar Program.
- 6) Encourage each of our Constituent Commanderies to achieve 100% Life Sponsorship with the KTEF.
- 7) Develop and promote a program designed to make Templary relevant to today's Master Masons and promote the statement "Every Christian Mason Should Be A Knight Templar"!
- 8) Get back to holding more Regional Festivals around the State, which should make it easier to bring in new active members who may not be able or willing to travel across the State to attend our current festival locations.
- 9) Encourage our Constituent Commanderies to plan and hold meaningful Observances for Easter, Ascension Day, Patriotic Day, and Christmas. Open these events to the public and invite members of the local lodges. Offer to provide flag presentations at installations and public events. Make your Commandery visible and relevant to your community.

Fraternally submitted,

Mark K. McFadden [2] – Chairman, Trasen S. Akers [3], Robert W. McLeod [2, 20], Trasen S. Akers [3], Justin M. McGee [8, 14]

### **SOUTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE**

The South Central Conference was convened at the South Shore Harbor Resort and Conference Center of League City, Texas, on the 20th day of September, 2025. The session was well attended and conducted in a spirit of fraternal cooperation and mutual support among the participating jurisdictions.

Officers in attendance were Sir Knight T.S. Akers, Deputy Grand Commander; Sir Knight Justin M. McGee, Grand Captain General; and Sir Knight Ryan R. Frederick, Grand Junior Warden. Their presence and participation contributed greatly to the success of the conference proceedings.

Sir Knight T.S. Akers conveyed fraternal greetings from the Grand Commander of Oklahoma and delivered a comprehensive update regarding the state of Templar affairs within our jurisdiction. His report addressed current initiatives, membership engagement efforts, and ongoing plans for strengthening the Order throughout the coming year.

The Conference provided an opportunity for discussion of shared challenges and best practices, fostering renewed commitment to the principles and work of the Order of the Temple across the South Central region.

It was announced that the 2026 South Central Conference will be held at the Holiday Inn Little Rock–Airport in Little Rock, Arkansas, on the 19th day of September, 2026.

Respectfully Submitted,

Trasen S. Akers [3]

## **TIME AND PLACE**

Our Annual Communications will once again be held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Oklahoma City Northwest. Should you have any questions about our accommodation, meeting rooms, or meals, don't hesitate to get in touch with a member of the Time & Place team, and we will do our best to make it right.

We contracted to use this facility for our 2025, 2026, and 2027 Annual Meetings. We've been very pleased with the service, and I have presented your Grand Officers a contract for 2028 at this same facility, giving us a two-year cushion. I trust they – and you – will approve.

Continuing to hold our annual meeting at a hotel/convention center depends on taking sufficient hotel room nights to keep the hotel interested. As a smaller event, with a specific proscribed calendar date for our annual meeting, it remains a struggle each year to locate a convenient and professional hotel/convention center to take on our contract.

What can you do to help? 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 myriads of activities. Or remain Saturday night after Grand Commandry's meeting and relax.

Staying at the hotel not only meets our requirements 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

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE  
APRIL 25TH, 2025**

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 25, 2025. The Conclave was opened at 4:10 p.m. with the following officers in their respective stations:

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

There were 28 members and guests present, per the Knight Sentinel's Register.

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

Past Grand Master's Glen Chaney, Brad Rickelman, PKC; and John Carter, PKC; of the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma were introduced, as well as Knight Companion Glen Chaney, the R.:E.: Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Oklahoma.

The following guest were recognized: None.

The passing of the following members was noted: Robert E. Goode and associate member Robert Schlicter from Liberty, Missouri.

The minutes of the April 26th, 2024 Annual Conclave and August 17th, 2024 Special Conclave were approved as presented. The Annual Membership and Financial Report were also approved.

Knight Commander, Trasen Akers noted that going through the minutes of the Oklahoma Past Commander Association from several years ago, that two members that had received the Ceremony of Reception were not formally elected into the association. The records indicate that nominations were taken from the floor but their names were not documented in the minutes of the meeting. The two names are documented in the Special Conclave meeting minutes. Since they were not formally acknowledged in the election results and documented into the organization, KC Akers recommended that instead of striking them from the rolls that they be listed as associate members going forward.

The report of the Audit Committee consisting of Rick Moore, Chairman; Mark McFadden, and Brad Ricklman 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
Steven Cox	Muskogee No. 2	2024	Mark McFadden
James Oates	Lawton No. 18	2024	Glen A. Chaney
Robert DeLeon	Norman No. 38	2023	Mat Turner

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

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


The Knight Commander Elect appointed Tim Israel to be Knight Prelate, and Mark McFadden, Chairman; Jim Taylor Jr., and Glen Chaney to the audit committee.


The new officers were installed by REGC Glen Chaney.

The Knight Recorder announced that the Ceremony of Reception will be held at a Special Conclave, which is set for August 16th, 2025 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.

  
Trasen Akers  
Knight Commander

  
Robert R. Rolseth  
Knight Recorder

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION**  
**SPECIAL CONCLAVE**  
**August 16th, 2025**

A Special Conclave of the Oklahoma Past Commanders Association was hosted at St. Johns Commandery No. 8, in Stillwater, Oklahoma on August 16th, 2025. The Conclave was opened at 1:35 p.m. with the following officers present:

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

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

Kt. Commander Brian Ragain, led the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag, followed by Kt. Prelate Laverne Ragain giving the invocation.

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

**CANDIDATE    COMMANDERY**

Scott Percifield	Muskogee No. 2
Steven Cox	Muskogee No. 2
James Oates III	Lawton No. 18
Roberto DeLeon, Jr.	Norman No. 38

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

**CANDIDATE    COMMANDERY**

Russell Freas	Elk City No. 22
Don Stanton	Trinity No. 20

**The Ceremony of Reception was conferred by the following team:**

Knight Commander	Brian Ragain
Knight First Lieutenant	Mat Turner
Knight Second Lieutenant	Brian Buswell
Knight Recorder-Treasurer	Robert R. Rolseth, P.K.C.
Knight Warder	Kevin Bardy
Knight Sentinel	Ryan Frederick
Knight Prelate	Laverne Ragain
Lecture No. 1	Jim Parham
Lecture No. 2	David Sikes
Lecture No. 3	Brad Rickelman
Lecture No. 4	Matt McGee
Lecture No. 5	Bob McLeod
Lecture No. 6	Mickey Megeath
Lecture No. 7	Donnie Higginbotham

Lecture No. 8	Jon Greene
Lecture No. 9	Jim Taylor
Lecture No. 10	Kent Israel
Lecture No. 11	Justin McGee
Lecture No. 12	Bob Davis

Each of the new members was presented the jewel of the order, a certificate and 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 Laverne Ragain.

The Special Conclave was closed by Kt. Commander Brian Ragain at 2:25 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, 2025 through March 31st, 2026 is as follows:

**MEMBERSHIP**

Total inducted members as of April 1st, 2026:	510
Members received on August 16th, 2025:	4
Reported deaths, withdrawals, suspensions, and revocations through March 31st, 2025:	<u>359</u>
Total members believed to be living as of March 31st, 2026:	151

**FINANCIALS**

03/31/2024 – Opening Balance	
Checking Account #2343701	<u>\$3,780.78</u>
Receipts:	
04/10/2025 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	34.55
07/10/2025 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	34.93
10/10/2025 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	27.97
02/20/2026 Deposit of Membership Dues	200.00
01/10/2026 Interest from Certificate of Deposit #150006	27.98
Total Receipts	<u>\$325.43</u>
Disbursements:	
05/28/2025 – Check No. 1009 – R&S Masons/Grand Sessions	50.00
09/15/2025 – Check No. 1010 – Frontier Lodge No. 48	50.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$100.00</u>
03/31/2026 – Ending Balance	
Checking Account #2343701	\$4,006.21
03/31/2026 – Ending Balance	
Certificate of Deposit #150006	<u>\$3,000.00</u>
03/31/2026 – Total Financial Assets	\$7,006.21

Robert R. Rolseth  
Knight Recorder-Treasurer

**OKLAHOMA PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION**

**PAST KNIGHT COMMANDERS**

1973	*Ned E. Prater	1974	*G. Stewart Rinehart
1975	*Myrl S. Kirk	1976	* Carl R. Burrows
1977	* Herbert O. Nelson	1978	* L.D. Clark
1979	* J.W. Thomas	1980	* Doctor L. Cooley
1981	* George T. Hayes	1982	* Eugene Smith
1983	* Aix B. Harrison	1984	* Neal D. Leech
1985	* Lester T. Mimms	1986	William A. Nation
1987	* Charles E. Williams	1988	* John J. Petrik
1989	* O. Ray Harrington	1990	* Donald M. Kiser
	* Robert N. Skillings (hon.)		
1991	* Chester R. Cowen	1992	* Rex L. Bowen
1993	* Paul A. Fitch	1994	* Larry D. Horton
1995	* William R. Hudson	1996	* James O. Rust, Jr.
1997	* Paul G. Watkins	1998	David A. Ray
1999	William D. Bowie, Jr.	2000	* Elwood M. Isaacs
			* Donald H. Haralson (Hon)
2001	* Forrest T. Smith	2002	* Jack L. Sterett
2003	* Bobby L. Carter	2004	* Jimmie R. Dooley
2005	* Hollis O. Edgar	2006	* John D. Miller, Jr.
2007	* Earl L. Berryman, Jr.	2008	Ronald L. Carr
2009	* James E. Smyrl	2010	Robert D. Cundiff, Jr.
2011	* E. David Snyder	2012	* Troy E. Shipman
2013	Donnie G. Higginbotham	2014	Robert R. Rolseth
2015	Daniel D. Hanttula	2016	Stephen P. Guerrero, Jr.
2017	Bradley S Rickelman	2018	Clyde H. Schoolfield, Jr.
2019	Marshall Clayton	2020	Marshall Clayton
2021	Kent Israel	2022	William Cloud
2023	John Carter	2024	Trasen S. Akers
2025	Brian M. Ragain		

\*Denotes Deceased

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1**

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

**WHEREAS:** Multiple Commanderies meet on the third or fourth week of the month of December, which conflicts with holiday events, thus causing those Commanderies to potentially apply for and purchase a Dispensation to hold their Election of Officers out-of-time.

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

### **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

#### **ARTICLE XIII, 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 XIII, CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES**

Section 3. Elections.

The elective Officers of each Constituent Commandery shall be elected annually at a designated Stated Conclave in November or December, which shall be provided for in the by-laws, unless, by written dispensation, the Grand Commander allows the date to be changed, provided that all members are notified at least ten days in advance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark K. McFadden [2]

Jon B. Greene [20]

## RESOLUTION NO. 2

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

**WHEREAS:** ARTICLE XV Revenues provides

Section 4.

- c. DeMolay Contribution There shall be an assessment in the amount of twenty-five cents (\$0.25) per member for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased a perpetual membership prior to April 9, 2005, as an annual contribution to the DeMolay, which donation is tax deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of the DeMolay.

**WHEREAS:** I feel that raising the fee to \$1.00 is a small charge that can make a big difference to the membership of DeMolay.

**WHEREAS** (2<sup>nd</sup> reason): In today's age, the cost for everything, including basic operations have steadily increased. The increase will help the chapters run strong, meaningful programs.

**WHEREAS** (3<sup>rd</sup> reason): I believe that DeMolay is the future of Freemasonry, and this increase will show our support for them more effectively and invest in the future of their organization, while keeping the costs affordable for each Chapter to absorb.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT ARTICLE 15. Section 4.c. Reviews: be amended to reflect the following changes:**

- c) DeMolay Contribution There shall be an assessment in the amount of ~~twenty five cents (\$0.25)~~ **one dollar (\$1.00)** per member for each name borne on the rolls, except those members who purchased a perpetual membership prior to **April 25, 2026**, as an annual contribution to the DeMolay, which donation is tax deductible to the member, for the use and promotion of the DeMolay.

*(This resolution strikes the amount of donation to Oklahoma DeMolay of \$0.25 and inserts the increased sum of "one dollar (\$1.00) and exempts perpetuals purchased before this resolution takes effect.)*

Faithfully Submitted,

Frank J. Belluardo, Jr. [38]

### **RESOLUTION NO. 3**

**To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander and members of Grand Commandery, 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 swords has been reduced, and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of those swords currently being produced has outpaced the quality,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** that Article XIX, Section 12, which currently reads:

#### **Sword**

##### **Section 12.**

The sword shall have a white metal scabbard, suspended by three white metal rings, two at the upper mount and one at the middle mount; a straight cross guard; a white ivory handle; a helmet heard.

There shall be no chain from pommel to cross guard, nor shall the guard be other than a straight, solid pattern, devoid of either curving ends or shield-shaped device in the center. The blade shall not exceed twenty-two millimeters in width. All scabbards should be devoid of elaborate ornamentation and must contain no emblem other than recognized emblems of the Order. Whenever the term "ivory handle" is used in above descriptions the use of either genuine ivory or imitation ivory will comply with above specifications.

For Commanders, Past Commanders, Officers, and permanent members of the Grand Commandery, all metal on sword and scabbard shall be gold-plated.

#### **BE AMENDED TO READ:**

#### **Sword**

##### **Section 12.**

The sword shall have a white metal scabbard, suspended by three white metal rings, two at the upper mount and one at the middle mount; a straight cross guard; a white ivory handle; a helmet heard.

There shall be no chain from pommel to cross guard. The guard and scabbard may bear appropriate emblems of the Order. The blade shall not exceed twenty-two millimeters in width. Whenever the term "ivory handle" is used in the above descriptions, the use of either genuine ivory or imitation ivory will comply with the above specifications.

For Commanders, Past Commanders, Officers, and permanent members of the Grand Commandery, all metal on sword and scabbard shall be gold-plated.

Respectfully submitted:

Mark McFadden [2]

T.S. Akers [3]

Jon Greene [20]

Jim Taylor [20]

**RESOLUTION NO. 4**

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

**WHEREAS:** The General Laws of the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma do not set forth a fee for dues for those Sir Knights who are in the Holding Commandery (established by Grand Encampment Law Section 176 A)

**WHEREAS:** Holding Commandery No. 100 now has members.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That ARTICLE XV REVENUES, Section 4, paragraph f, be added to the Grand Commandery General Laws

- f. The annual dues of Holding Commandery 100 shall be \$75.00 plus the annual per capita charged by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Oklahoma. The excess after the Grand Commandery per capita is to be used by the Grand Recorder for administrative expenses and for the purchase of a Knight Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsorship.

Faithfully Submitted,  
Jon B. Greene [20]