

TENNESSEE SUPPLEMENT

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ENDURING BEYOND WEARINESS

In late 1776, the American Continental Army was at a crisis. They had lost New York and been forced to flee, but had defeated the Hessians at Trenton after crossing the Delaware River on Christmas Day. Now, at the end of December, their enlistments were over and many were preparing to leave. Gen. Washington knew he could not continue if his army went home. He offered them \$10 hard currency if they would reenlist for six months, to no avail. Finally, he made an impassioned plea to stay "one month longer," saying, "you will render that service to the cause of liberty, and to your country, which you probably can never do under any other circumstances." His words induced them to stay, and the American cause continued.

Oftentimes, we find ourselves in the same circumstances as those tired soldiers in 1776. We have fulfilled our obligation and find ourselves ready to go home, to end our service. We are weary. We have endured deprivation. We have done our part, and are ready for someone else to do their part as well. Like those soldiers of 1776, we see some extra reward, but not enough to convince us to continue.

Like them, however, we have a choice. While our sacrifice may not seem so consequential as the survival of a nation, it may mean the survival of our Lodge, our Commandery, or perhaps our business. It may, given our profession, mean the difference in the life of another individual.

As we observe Washington's birthday this month, we should recall his plea to his soldiers that December. His words, "You have done all I have asked you to do, and more than can be expected," should encourage us as well. We should recall the perseverance of those soldiers, and let it stand as an example for us to endure while there remains work to be done.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee will be held Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at the Grand Lodge Building and will open at 8:00 am. Information regarding hotel reservations, as well as other information, can be found on the Grand York Rite website.

Schedule of events for Grand York Rite Sessions:

Sunday, March 21 –

York Rite Divine Service, 5:00-6:00 pm

Grand York Rite Banquet, 6:00-8:30 pm

Monday, March 22 –

Allied Masonic Degrees Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 am

Grand Chapter, 8:00 am until 12:00 noon

York Rite Luncheon, 12:00-1:00 pm

Grand Council, 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm

Order of High Priesthood/Order of Silver Trowel Dinner, 5:00-6:00 pm, with conferrals to begin at 7:00 pm

Tuesday, March 23 –

Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast, 7:00-8:00 am

Grand Commandery Conclave, 8:00 am until 12:00 noon

Knight York Cross of Honour Luncheon, 12:00 noon with conferral 1:00-3:00 pm

Knight Crusader of the Cross conferral, 4:00-5:30 pm

York Rite College Dinner, 6:00 pm

The following Code proposals will be considered at the Conclave:

1. Proposal that Commanderies pay per capita on all members, including those knighted during the year; currently Commanderies pay no per capita on those knighted during the year, however the Grand Commandery must pay per capita to Grand Encampment. This would ensure revenue for that and would be consistent with Lodge, Chapter, and Council.
2. Proposal to change LMMP and MPM (Life Memorial Memberships) so that 3% of market value is paid to Grand Commandery each year. Currently Grand Commandery receives only interest earnings from corpus, however since the Great Recession this has been less than the expected 5%.

Should you have any question regarding these proposals, feel free to contact the Grand Recorder's Office or one of the Grand Officers.