

# TENNESSEE SUPPLEMENT

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**Clarence Loyd Crump**  
Grand Commander

## GRAND COMMANDERS REPORT

*To the Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee:*

Sir Knights, Grand Officers and Distinguished Guests, I was extremely excited to welcome each of you to the 159<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee but it wasn't to be. It has been my privilege and extreme pleasure to serve as your Grand Commander of Tennessee this past year. Thanks to each and every one of you for this great honor. In my travels across Tennessee to the twenty-eight Commandery inspections I congratulate you Sir Knights for the dedication and hard work which was so obvious in the outstanding conferrals of the Order of The Temple.

Our main focus this year has been first of all Membership. I have addressed this issue at every opportunity available stressing obtaining new membership as well as retaining present members. I asked each Commandery to establish a membership committee to address these issues. Also, with the addition of our long-range planning Committee chaired by Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Billy Young, they and our Membership Committee chaired by Dusty Parsons have worked closely together all year to establish ideas and ways to accomplish this. Second, we worked hard to raise funds to send a minister on the Holy Land Pilgrimage and Sir Knights with your generosity through donations we were able to send two Ministers. We are still working to get the Holy Land Pilgrimage Endowment Fund build up to a level of interest return to fund the program. Third, but far from least, was to concentrate on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation by maintaining our 100% life member eye sponsorship and overall to increase in our contributions.

With a heavy heart I report that 96 Sir Knights have traveled to that Celestial Asylum above to enjoy the peace and comfort of our Lord and Savior. To their family and loved ones, we extend our deepest sympathy. They will be truly missed.

I have issued several dispensations throughout the year mostly to permit the wearing of uniforms at public events such as parades, posting of colors, and other events which gave us exposure to the public.

My out of state travels this year were somewhat limited due to Family Health issues that came first. This year I enjoyed attending the Southeastern Regional Conference in Melbourne, Florida, the Grand Conclave of Virginia in

Charlottesville, Virginia, the North Carolina Grand Conclave in Clemmons, North Carolina and the Great Summer York Rite Session in Maggie Valley, North Carolina. I was honored to attend some of the York Rite Festivals in Tennessee as well as receiving the honor of being asked to confer The Order of The Temple at the S.W. Virginia York Rite Festival in Marion, Virginia.

In summary all I can say is this has been a Great Year and Wonderful Experience I will always treasure. Thanks again to my Officers and to each Sir Knight for allowing me this Honor.

In His Service,

Clarence L. Crump, Grand Commander

## NOTICE OF CHANGE OF GRAND YORK RITE SESSIONS



March 19, 2020

Dear Companion and Sir Knights,

Due to concerns about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and suggestions from the President of the United States and the Governor of Tennessee, limiting gatherings of 10 or less the Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery of Tennessee have decided to cancel this year's session and rescheduled for Saturday, June 6, 2020 at 8:00 am.

There will be a divine service at 5:00 pm on Friday, June 5, 2020 and the York Rite banquet will follow at 6:00 pm with business as usual for the banquet.

As stated above the Grand Chapter will open at 8:00 am and will complete all business, elect officers and then close.

Following the installation of Grand Chapter officers, the Grand Council will open, complete all business, elect officer and close.

Following the installation of Grand Council officers, the Grand Commandery will open, complete all business, elect officers and close have their installation. Following, all ancillary bodies will meet, complete all business, elect officers and close. No degree work will be done. Classes next March will be large.

At this time there are several details to be worked out such as lunch and dinner if needed. We do know that you will be responsible for your own hotel room for Friday if you stay overnight.

The reason for this change is to ensure that a constitutional number of Chapter, Councils and Commanderies can be present along with those who wish to attend may do so and cast their vote for all code proposals and elections.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

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