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Strength & Unity

No shot was fired. No battle was fought. Yet, Valley Forge, where George Washington’s starving Army withstood the severe test of the winter of 1877-1878, remains as a symbol of strength and unity.. After the British had occupied Philadelphia, the twelve thousand men under Washington settled in the lowland hills eighteen miles northwest of the city, far enough to discourage a surprise attack, but close enough to keep the British from increasing their holdings around Philadelphia.

While Valley Forge holds a permanent place among our origin myths, it really is a story of endurance.

No battle was fought. The heroism was so to speak negative showing a valor of persistence, of not running away and a display of will and fortitude.

Sometimes, when we think about a part of our past it may seem anti-climatic. The real power of at Valley Forge lies in the story of how a collection of soldiers from separate colonies formed a national army with the purpose to establish the most powerful nation on earth.

Has some of our Masonic walk been anti-climatic? How determined have we been in our Masonic walk?

Like the men at Valley Forge, have we displayed our steadfast concern for those around us? Have we , supported all the programs that Masons should be supporting to the best of our ability? Have we attended Lodge somewhere to renew old friendships?

Your Masonic involvement can be a miniature enactment of strength and unity in shaping the future of the greatest fraternity known to mankind.

Fraternally,

Bob