



# Guiding Light

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GREENEVILLE LODGE NO. 3 F. & A. M.

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## Worshipful Master's Message

by Joe Byrd (Worshipful Master)

Brethren and Friends,

I don't know if July was the busiest month we have ever had here at Greeneville Lodge No. 3, but it certainly has to rank among the most eventful.

Our annual inspection was July 15, and everything went very well. During the course of the inspection, Grand Lecturer Robert Reed said some of the things he was pointing out were nit-picking because when a Lodge does the quality of work we do, it's only minor things he can find wrong. I personally want to thank all the officers for their hard work in preparing for the inspection, and I want to thank all the members who attended the inspection. It makes a good impression when we have people on both sides of the Lodge room.

Mother Nature didn't cooperate for our annual Mountain Top Degree. Although we had to move the event inside to the Lodge, I believe it was still a big success. We hosted more than 50 Masons from Tennessee and North Carolina, and the fraternal bond of

fellowship was the order of the day. Thanks to those who made it possible and did most of the work. For some of our newer members who have never seen a North Carolina Master Mason degree, I think it was an enlightening experience.

We installed new lights in the Lodge room, replacing the 40-year-old fixtures that have been in place since we moved into the building. This is a project that I believe will enhance the beauty of our lodge room. I think the new chandeliers will give it a more elegant and dignified look. A special thanks goes out to Brother Harold Dean Hartman for his assistance in acquiring the lighting fixtures and to Brother Royce Peterson for his efforts in the installation.

Greeneville Lodge No. 3 hosted the District 12 Chapter and Council Group Picnic on July 12. More than 100 guests attended, and it was a hit. We had Masons from all across Tennessee visiting our Lodge. Among them were no fewer than 14 current or past Grand heads of various Masonic bodies. Many of them commented on how nice our

Lodge is. I take pride in our building, and to receive such complements from visiting dignitaries should be a feather in the cap of all our members. Changing hats for a moment, as District 12 Deputy Grand High Priest for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and on behalf of Gary Coates, the Grand Master's Personal Representative for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, I want to thank Greeneville Lodge No. 3 for allowing the York Rite to host the picnic.

In the days following the picnic, a number of us from Greeneville Lodge No. 3 attended the Great Smokies Summer Assembly of York Rite Masons in Maggie Valley, N.C. This was a great event, and I am happy to have been able to represent Greeneville's Masonic bodies there.

On the same day as the York Rite picnic, the Greeneville Scottish Rite Club hosted its annual car show. All money raised at the car show benefits the Scottish Rite's shoe program. Brother Bill Moncier said more than 60 cars were on display and called it the best show they've ever had. The local

Scottish Rite was able to raise a sizeable amount of money for what I believe is one of the most worthwhile charities in Masonry.

On July 26, we hosted the Charles Newton Bush Past Masters Association. More than two dozen sitting or Past Worshipful Masters visited our lodge. Everyone enjoyed the event, and I lost track of the number of compliments our building received. Many of those in attendance had never visited Greenville Lodge No. 3 before. They asked to be notified of upcoming work we have scheduled so they can visit again.

In addition to all the special events we had going on in July, we had our stated

meeting and one degree night. The July stated meeting was well attended, and that's not always the case in the summer months. I want to thank those who took time out of their schedules to be at the stated meeting. That shows a commitment to the Craft. We conferred two Entered Apprentice degrees in July; both candidates were fresh out of high school and quality young men.

All these things, I believe, speak volumes for the future of our Lodge and the future of Freemasonry in Tennessee, and I like what they are saying.

Pictured is the Mountain Top degree team from North Carolina.



## A Message From The West

by Dewey Cox (Senior Warden)

***"Brethren do not put down your working tools".***



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- Brother Howard White
- Brother Bob King
- Brother Paul Dixon

PRAYER REQUESTS

Brethren, please keep Bro. Karl Sabey in your prayers. Bro. Sabey (EA) lost his home to a house fire.

Brethren, please continue to keep Bro. Carl Bird and his family in your prayers.



Pictured above is Brother Richard Parvin after receiving his 3rd degree. He is being congratulated by Worshipful Master Joe Byrd.



Picture from the annual Greene County Scottish Rite Car Show.

Car Show

by John Sayne (Editor)

The Greene County Scottish Rite Club held the annual Mercy Fund Car Show on July, 12<sup>th</sup> in the parking lot of Big Lots. The show turned out to be a huge success.

Thanks to great weather, the Car Show had a fantastic turn out. More than 60 cars participated in the show. Cars were judged and winners were selected. The winners were presented with a trophy. Throughout the show, games were played including a piston toss and various drawings. Prizes were presented to those winners as well.

One of the biggest items in the drawing was a very nice wooden bench. Pictures of the cars and winners can be viewed on the Greeneville Lodge webpage under the Scottish Rite tab located at the top of the page.

Through car registration fees, tickets to enter the various drawings, and generous donations, the Scottish Rite Club was able to make \$1,400 for the Shoes – for – Kids Program. This will allow the club to purchase 140 pairs of shoes to provide the children of Greene County.



# A Message From The South

by Josh Cox (Junior Warden)

*"Brethren, let us strive each day to be the light in a world so covered in darkness".*



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## Announcements

*Blue Lodge Stated Meeting will be held August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.*

*Please visit*

*[www.greenvillelodgeno3.org](http://www.greenvillelodgeno3.org)*

*for details about upcoming degree work.*

Please feel free to submit articles, pictures, news, ect. This applies to all Bodies that meet at Greeneville Lodge No. 3 F. & A. M. Submissions can be emailed to [greenevillelodgeno3@gmail.com](mailto:greenevillelodgeno3@gmail.com). All submissions will be reviewed and approved by the Worshipful Master before publishing. Having a steady flow of content is crucial to the success of this newsletter.

John Sayne (Editor)

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