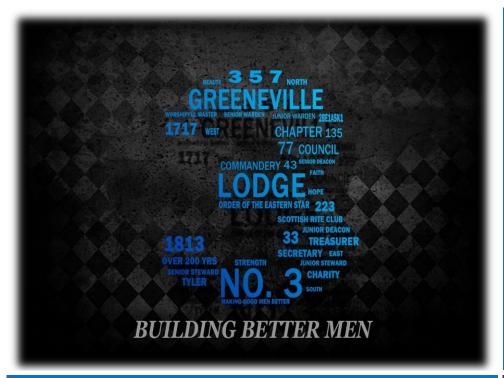
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GREENEVILLE LODGE NO. 3 F. & A. M.

IN THIS ISSUE: ROBERT WARD

# Greeneville Lodge News

ecember is an important month for the Lodge and all of the Appendant Bodies. It is election month. Please try to come out and support the Lodge with this important task.

Installation of the newly elected officers will be December 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided by Greeneville Chapter No. 223 Order of the Eastern Star. The ceremony will be directed by Past Grand Master of Tennessee Brother Orville Armstrong. The installation ceremony will be open to the public, so please bring your friends and family.

The Upper East Tennessee York Rite Festival was a huge success in November.
Greeneville Chapter, Council, and
Commandery welcomed a new Companion and Sir Knight, Micah McCray. There were a total of 11 candidates who received their degrees at the Fall Festival.

On November 17<sup>th</sup>, Greeneville Lodge held its annual Past Masters supper. Ten Past Masters of Greeneville Lodge were in attendance for the event. Each shared stories about their year as Master. This event

has become a tradition that will hopefully continue.

T-shirt orders will be available for pick up at the December stated meeting.



# Robert Ward

by Joe Byrd

he Upper East Tennessee York Rite Association 2015 Fall Festival was held in honor of William Robert

Brother Robert has done more for Greeneville Lodge No. 3 and the local York Rite bodies than perhaps anyone in our 200-plus year history. Ward is a four-time Worshipful Master of the Lodge, serving in 1966, 1967, and 1969. Ward was given the honor as serving the Lodge as Worshipful Master again in its bicentennial year of 2001. He served as Secretary on multiple occasions, compiling the better part of three decades in that capacity. Many times it has been said of Brother Ward, "If it wasn't for him, there wouldn't be a Greeneville Lodge today."

He was born into a Masonic family in Marshall, N.C. on Feb. 16, 1928 and, along with wife Fay, moved to Greeneville in 1951 to begin a long career with the railroad. Brother Robert was initiated an Entered Apprentice on May 8, 1961, passed to the degree of Fellow Craft on June 12, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on July 31 of that same year.

He is a 50-year member of Greeneville Lodge No. 3 F&AM as well as Greeneville Chapter No. 135 RAM and Greeneville Council No. 77 SM. He is a charter member of Greeneville Commandery No. 43. Brother Robert almost single handedly kept the Chapter and Council doors open here in Greeneville for a number of years.

Brother Robert was on hand for the first day of the Festival on Nov. 7 at Dashiell Lodge in Elizabethton and was given a well-deserved round of applause by those in

# **Upper East Tennessee York Rite Association**







### In Honor of



William Robert Ward

Saturday November 7, 2015 8:00 AM Saturday November 14, 2015 12:00 PM Dashiell Lodge No.238

Brother Robert Ward on front cover of the Upper East
TN York Rite Association Festival brochure.

#### APPENDENT BODY NEWS

### Greeneville Commandery No. 43



**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE** 

\$2,329.38

**Funds Raised** 

\$4,200.00

### **Funds Needed**

LODGE OF SORROW

- Rex Jeffers
- Louis DeBusk
- Harold Dean Hartman

# Greeneville York Rite





Brother Micah McCray after receiving the York Rite degrees at the Upper East Tennessee York Rite Fall Festival held at Dashiell Lodge in Elizabethton.



10 Past Masters of Greeneville Lodge and 1 from Beersheba Lodge were in attendance at the annual Past Masters supper.

Front Row – Royce Peterson, Leroy Jenkins, Earl Howe, Bob Bailey,

Back Row – John DeWit, Bill Monciere, A.J. Bible, Jim Gosnell, Lewis Stroud, Joe Byrd, Dewey Cox

### **Annoucements**

- ~ Greeneville Lodge Stated Meeting December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.
- -Installation of Officers December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 p.m.
- ~ Chapter / Council Stated Meeting December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.
- ~ Eastern Star Stated Meeting December 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.
- ~ Greene County Scottish Rite Club December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.
- ~Commandery Stated Meeting December 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.



December, 2015 Issue 21 Please feel free to submit articles, pictures, news, favorite quotes, ect. This applies to all Bodies that meet at Greeneville Lodge No. 3 F. & A. M. Submissions can be sent to the Editor.

All submissions will be reviewed and approved by the Editor before publishing. Having a steady flow of content is crucial for the success of this newsletter. Thank you for your contribution and support.

John Sayne (Editor)

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