

# Guiding Light

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

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## Greeneville Lodge News

**P**lease try to make it to the February stated meeting. As we prepare for Grand Lodge week, we will be discussing several proposals that will be voted on at Grand Lodge. It is strongly encouraged that all Past Masters and anyone who has a vote at Grand Lodge attend. There are some proposals being made that will inevitably change Freemasonry in Tennessee forever.

The Education / Website committee has been hard at work this past month. Thanks to Brother Joe Byrd, some huge discoveries have been made in the records of Greeneville Lodge. Several new pages have been added to the website which includes an updated list of Past Masters, Past Excellent High Priests, Past Illustrious Masters, and Past Commanders of Greeneville. Pages were also added to include any Past Grand High Priests, Past Illustrious Grand Masters, and Past Grand Commanders. In March, we hope to add our first Grand Master to our list, Brother Billy Ray Cutlip.

Due to inclement weather, the Greeneville Commandery pancake breakfast had to be re-scheduled. The Commandery will be

hosting the breakfast on February 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The decision was also made to host the breakfast at Greeneville Lodge in the dining hall. All previously purchased tickets will be honored at the breakfast and will still include a drawing for a \$50 Applebee's gift certificate. All proceeds from the breakfast will go toward the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

The Knoxville Scottish Rite will be hosting the Scottish Rite reunion on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received the Scottish Rite degrees and are interested, please see the Secretary or a member of the Scottish Rite for more info. Petitions are available.



# T.J. Luttrell

by Joe Byrd (Past Master)

Six members of Greeneville Council No. 77 Select Masters have served the state at the highest level – Most Illustrious Grand Master.

Thomas Jefferson Luttrell was born in Greene County at the onset of the War Between the States. Active in local business and politics throughout his life, Luttrell died just after the outbreak of World War II.

Luttrell was very active in all the local Masonic bodies and served the state as Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in 1927.

During his Grand Master's Address delivered in Nashville on Jan. 23, 1928, Luttrell said, "The year to me, in many respects, has been a very pleasant one, and I shall always cherish the memory of this year and the honor you have bestowed upon me."

Luttrell also said, "At the time you elected me to this high office I tried in my feeble way to express my thanks for the great honor conferred, and now, as I close my report, I again desire to express my sincere appreciation of the honor of being permitted to advance to this exalted position. I have endeavored, in my feeble way, to promote the interests of the Order."

As fate, fortune, or coincidence would have it, Luttrell and the four other Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters from Greeneville who have passed on are all buried within a matter of feet from each other at Oak Grove Cemetery.

The following was printed as a memorial in the *Proceedings of the Ninety-Second Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Tennessee* (Jan 26, 1942):

Thomas Jefferson Luttrell was born (on Aug. 4, 1861) in Greene County, Tennessee, and died at his home near Greeneville on December 24, 1941, following a very brief illness. He was

buried with Masonic honors in the Oak Grove Cemetery on Dec. 27.

He is survived by his wife (Florence); one sister, Mrs. John Kirk of Greeneville, and several nieces and nephews.

He received his education in the schools of Greene County, and when a young man he moved to Greeneville, where he was active in the business, political, and religious life of the city for the remainder of his life. He was engaged in the mercantile and banking business, served as County Court Judge and a member of the City Council, and was active in the Asbury Methodist Church for more than fifty years.

He was raised in Greeneville Lodge No. 3 on November 27, 1895, and served as Worshipful Master in 1921.

He was exalted in Greeneville Chapter No. 135 on December 15, 1896, and served as High Priest in 1925. He was anointed in the Holy Order of High Priesthood at Nashville in January 1925.

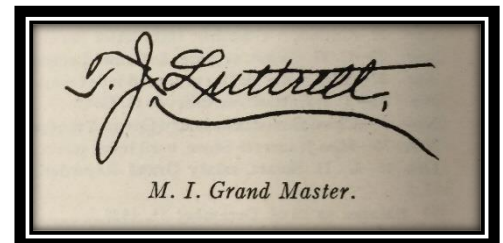
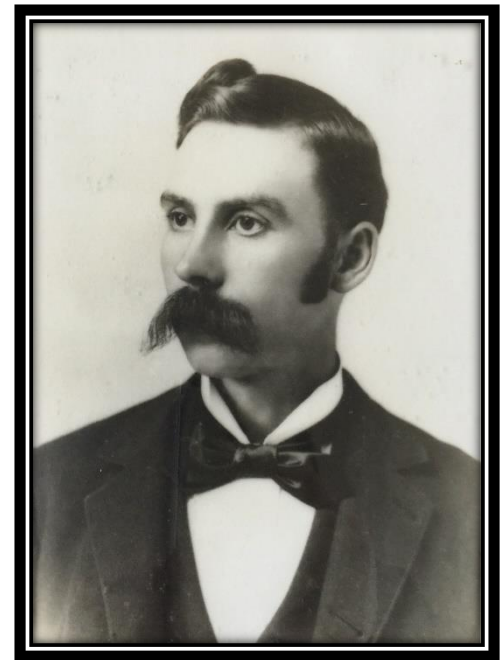
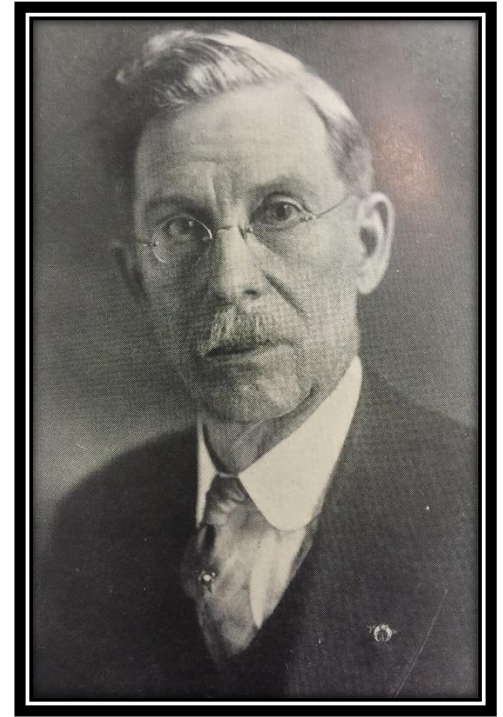
He was greeted in Greeneville Council No. 77 on May 23, 1918, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1923.

He was knighted in Greeneville Commandery No. 20 on February 15, 1906.

He was initiated in Kerbela Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., at Knoxville.

He was a charter member of the Eastern Star Chapter in Greeneville.

He was elected Grand Steward of the Grand Council on January 29, 1923, and advanced each year thereafter, being elected M.I. Grand Master on January 24, 1927.



APPENDENT BODY NEWS

## Greeneville Commandery No. 43



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

\$2,357.38

Funds Raised

\$4,200.00

Funds Needed

LODGE OF SORROW  
2016

Donald Ray Crum

## Greeneville York Rite



***Pancake Breakfast February 13<sup>th</sup> at Greeneville Lodge No. 3 in the dining hall from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.***



*Brother John Sayne receiving the Gold Honor Award presented by the Northeast Tennessee York Rite College. (Pictured left to right: Clarence Crump – Governor, John Sayne, and James Haffner – Grand Governor)*

## Gold Honor Award

On Saturday January 30th, Brother John Walter Sayne was presented the Gold Honor Award by the Sovereign York Rite College of North America. This is an award presented in recognition of outstanding service in York Rite Masonry. Brother John is currently serving as Senior Warden of the Blue Lodge, Excellent High Priest of the Chapter, Illustrious Master of the Council, and Generalissimo of the Commandery.

## Commandery Breakfast

The Greeneville Commandery breakfast will now be February 13<sup>th</sup> at Greeneville Lodge No. 3 in the dining hall. A drawing will be made for a \$50 gift certificate to Applebee's. All proceeds go toward sending a local Minister to the Holy Land.

## Announcements

~ *Greeneville Lodge Stated Meeting* –  
February 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.

~ *Chapter / Council Stated Meeting* –  
February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

~ *Eastern Star Stated Meeting* –  
February 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.

~ *Pancake Breakfast* –  
February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.

~ *Greene County Scottish Rite Club* –  
February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

~ *Commandery Stated Meeting* –  
February 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.

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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.

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