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Greeneville Lodge News

Final preparations are being made for Grand Lodge week. If you are planning on attending any of the festivities, now is the time to be getting you hotel reservations. This year the Grand Lodge of Tennessee has chosen the Maxwell House hotel. This is the same hotel that was used last year.

The Upper East Tennessee York Rite Association will be holding a Spring Festival in April at Kingsport Lodge. If you are interested in becoming a York Rite Mason, please contact a York Rite member or speak with the Secretary for a petition and more information.

The York Rite College Gold Honors Awards banquet will be held on February 10th at Kingsport Lodge. The Sword of Bunker Hill will be conferred on February 17th at Unicoi Lodge. The Commandery Orders scheduled for February 24th in Kingsport have been canceled.

The Knoxville Scottish Rite will be holding a Spring Reunion the first three Saturdays in March. Deadline for petitions is March 1st. The following degrees will be conferred: 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 14, 18, 19, 21, 27, 29, 30, 31, and 32nd. The fee to receive these degrees is \$300 and includes a wearable 14th degree ring and covers dues for the year. If you are interested in becoming a Scottish Rite Mason, please contact a Scottish Rite member or see the Secretary for more information.

Degree work has been in full force across Upper East Tennessee. Visitation has played a big role in the success of good degree work. Visiting and helping other Lodges is the only way to truly hold the title of "Traveling Man." I encourage you to get out and visit other Lodges. The Masonic experience is only as good as you allow it to be. You are missing out if you are not sharing in the Friendship and Brotherly Love.



Brotherly Love

by John Sayne

The psychology of Freemasonry has always amazed me. The instant bond and connection that one Brother has with another is impressive. In my experience working in retail, you often deal with frustrated customers who do not understand company policy or quite frankly do not care. I recall one instance with a customer who was very frustrated and was getting angry. Then he saw my ring and his entire demeanor changed. Why would the mere sight of a simple square and compass instantly change their attitude?

In the master's degree, we learn that the principal tenets of our profession are friendship, morality, and brotherly love. That small square and compass that I wear on my finger says more about me than I could ever put into words. It says that I am a man of integrity, that I will stand up for what is right regardless of popularity, that I will fly to the relief of a distressed Brother even if it costs me my life. It says that I am a Mason.

One of the topics I have come across in Masonic discussion has been is Freemasonry still relevant today? As Masons, we must set the standard. Sadly, we now live in a world where you can no longer have trust in people. Faith in humanity is all but lost. People lie, cheat, steal, and try every way possible to beat the "system." That is when I look at the tenets of our profession, friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

Friendship is vital to a happy life. Man is a social being and thrives off social interaction. It is important to have a good support system with people you can confidently rely on to provide advice and guidance. Morality is the key to a happy and healthy life. The moral person always strives to do the right thing and therefore has less stress in their life. Stress is a silent killer that can cause all kinds of adverse side effects to our body, and we all know what happened the last time we were blinded in the face of danger!



That leaves us with brotherly love. Love is the greatest gift that the Grand Artificer of the Universe could bestow. Love has the power to heal all. To have love in your heart for a stranger is nothing short of a miracle from God. Yet it happens everyday in our Fraternity.

During the month of February, we celebrate the gift of love for our Wives, our Widows, Mothers, Sisters, Daughters, and our Brothers. Nothing in this world is greater than the love of family, but nothing we do matters without the spirit of love.

I leave you with these questions. What does the square and compass on your finger say about you? How will you apply the tenets of our profession to your life? The greatest gift that Freemasonry has given me is hope in humanity.



Greeneville York Rite



Upper East Tennessee York Rite
Festival will be held in April at
Kingsport Lodge

Knoxville Scottish Rite



Knoxville Scottish Rite Reunion
will be held March 3rd, March
10th, and March 17th. Deadline
for petitions is Thursday, March
1st.



Visitors are always welcome!

Masonic Passport Program

This year there is a big push for Brothers of Upper East Tennessee to get out and visit. The Charles Newton Bush Past Masters Association has a traveling gavel award in place to honor the Lodge who visits the most. Please inform the Secretary of all travels you make throughout the year.

Worshipful Master Karl Sabey has Masonic passports available to help you keep track of all your visitations. He plans to give awards to members of Greeneville at the end of the year for most traveled, furthest traveled, etc.

Brother Ken Albritton from Sinking Creek Lodge has created a Facebook group called Northeast Tennessee Masons. It provides information about all Masonic Blue Lodge events taking place in Northeast Tennessee. You must be a Master Mason in good standing. It is a closed group for local Master Masons only. I hope you will use these incentives to get out and visit Lodges you have never been to and continue to support those you have.



Announcements

~ Greenville Lodge Stated Meeting –
February 6th @ 7:30 p.m.

~ Eastern Star Stated Meeting –
February 8th @ 7:30 p.m.

~ Chapter / Council Stated Meeting –
February 12th @ 7:00 p.m.

~ Greene County Scottish Rite Club –
February 15th @ 6:30 p.m.

~ Commandery Stated Meeting –
February 26th @ 7:00 p.m.



*Follow us on Facebook to get updates on events taking place
at the Lodge.*

(Must be a Master Mason in good standing)

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Please feel free to submit articles, pictures, news, favorite quotes, ect. This applies to all Bodies that meet at Greenville 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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