



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

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# Greenville Lodge News

I would like to congratulate all of the 2015 Officers of Greenville Lodge No. 3 F. & A. M. It is a sure sign of growth and prosperity when a Lodge has members taking new positions for the first time. This is a luxury that many lodges fail to accomplish.

As we take our first steps into the New Year, I would like to personally thank our Past Master, Brother Joe Byrd. Thank you for such an amazing year of Masonry. Credit for the many accomplishments that the lodge had last year cannot solely be given to Brother Byrd, but his hard work and dedication to Greenville Lodge can certainly not be overlooked.

January begins a new year both on the calendar and here at Greenville Lodge No. 3. Hopefully, the New Year will see the same continued growth that we saw during the previous 12 months.

Dewey Lee Cox will serve as Worshipful Master in 2015. This is Brother Dewey's second term as Master of Greenville Lodge No. 3. He previously sat in the East in 1980.

Joshua Brandon Cox was elected as Senior Warden, giving our lodge a father-son combination as the lodge's two principal stationed officers. John Walter Sayne was elected as Junior Warden, putting another young Mason in line to lead our lodge forward through the coming years.

Harold Dean Hartman once again agreed to serve as the lodge's Treasurer. Brother Harold has served the office for three decades and has done more for Greenville Lodge No. 3 than most members will ever know. Jim Gosnell continues to serve as Secretary, and the lodge is lucky to have someone both willing and capable of doing the job properly.

Lee Ball was appointed Senior Deacon, and Karl Sabey joined the officer line this year as Junior Deacon. Michael Ball and Don Jackson were named Senior Steward and Junior Steward, while Eldridge King agreed to return to the Tiler's post.

New officers were also elected and installed for Greenville's York Rite bodies.

J.C. Jones was elected as High Priest of Greenville Chapter No. 135 RAM. Joe Byrd was elected to serve as Illustrious Master of Greenville Council No. 77 SM. Billy Ray Cutlip was elected as Commander of Greenville Commandery No. 43.



# Commandery Orders

by John Sayne (Editor)

The Commandery Orders consist of three degrees, Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta, and the Order of the Temple. The Commandery Orders are unique to Freemasonry in the fact that they do not refer to Ancient Craft Masonry. This provides a new direction of thought and experience. Every Christian Mason should join the Commandery of Knight Templar in order to complete their Masonic journey.

The first degree of the Commandery is the Order of the Red Cross. The focus of this degree is the importance of keeping one's word. It foreshadows the words of Jesus "I am the Way, the TRUTH, and the Life." The degree follows the story of Zerubbabel's admission into the Jewish Council at Jerusalem and his appearance at the court of King Darius. Important questions are asked "Which is greater? Strength of wine? The power of the King? Or the influence of woman?"

The second degree of the Commandery is the Order of Malta. The candidate in this degree represents a knight about to depart for the Crusades in the Holy Land. In this

degree the candidate is created a Knight of Malta and the important symbol is the Maltese cross. This degree is intended to be preparatory for the Order of the Temple.

The third and final degree of the Commandery Orders is the Order of the Temple. This degree centers around the candidate, a Knight of Malta, seeking admission into the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple. After reflection, the candidate is presented with a series of thought provoking questions for which he must answer. To test his faith, the candidate is sent on several years of Pilgrimage. After proving his faith, the candidate assumes a solemn obligation.

As a test of his courage and constancy, the candidate is given a certain number of years of warfare. After the completion, the knight is granted into the Asylum of Knights Templar where he participates in a memorial



followed by a reading from the New Testament.

Lastly, the candidate must perform a year of penance in token of his humility. Following this, the candidate seals his fate in one of the most solemn and impressive ceremonies in all of Masonry and is duly dubbed a member of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple.

For more information about the York Rite, please visit the link below.

<http://tngrandyorkrite.org/>



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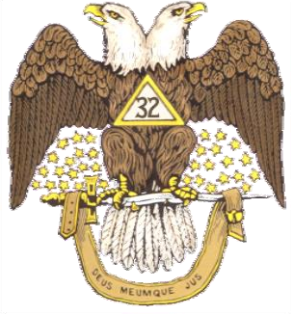
*"May the blessings of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons! May brotherly love prevail and every moral and social virtue cement us."*

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## APPENDENT BODY NEWS

### Greenville Scottish Rite Club



## SCOTTISH RITE SHOE PROGRAM

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## Monthly Report

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## Year to Date Report

LODGE OF SORROW  
2015



*2015 Officers Pictured: (Front Row Left to Right) – Orville Armstrong – Past Grand Master, Harold Hartman – Treasurer, Dewey Cox – Worshipful Master, John Sayne – Junior Warden, Jim Gosnell – Secretary, (Back Row Left to Right) – Rick Parvin – Chaplain, Royce Peterson – Past Illustrious Grand Master, Karl Sabey – Junior Deacon, Lee Ball – Senior Deacon, Michael Ball – Senior Steward, (Not Pictured) – Josh Cox – Senior Warden, Don Jackson – Junior Steward, Eldridge King – Tiler*

## 2015 Officers

by John Sayne (Editor)

On Sunday December 14<sup>th</sup>, Greenville Lodge No. 3 F. & A. M. held one of the most cherished ceremonies found in all of Freemasonry, the installation of officers. This year marks the second year for our Worshipful Master, Dewey Cox.

Brother Dewey was first installed as Master many moons ago back in 1980. He is being followed by his son Josh who was duly installed as Senior Warden. To my knowledge, this will mark another first for Greenville Lodge No. 3.

The installation ceremony this year was a huge success. Many friends and family members gathered to observe the open installation. The installation was officiated by a good friend and Brother, Orville Armstrong. Brother Orville is a Past Grand Master for the state of Tennessee. It is

always a pleasure to see his impressive installation.

Immediately following the ceremony, refreshments were provided by Greenville Chapter No. 223 Order of the Eastern Star. As always, the ladies did not disappoint. The food was absolutely delicious!

Congratulations go out to our new 2015 slate of officers. Many of our new officers are taking on new roles and positions for the first time. This is a sure sign that Greenville Lodge is doing very well.

## Announcements

*~ Greenville Lodge Stated Meeting –  
January 6<sup>th</sup>*

*~ Order of the Eastern Star Stated  
Meeting – January 8<sup>th</sup>*

*~ Chapter / Council Stated Meeting –  
January 12<sup>th</sup>*

*~Greene County Scottish Rite Club  
Meeting – January 15<sup>th</sup>*

*~Commandery Stated Meeting –  
January 26<sup>th</sup>*

*~ Chapter School of Instruction –  
January 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*~ Northeast Tennessee York Rite  
College – January 29<sup>th</sup>*

# Guiding Light

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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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