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DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

Nine of the fifty six signers were Masons.

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will be held on July 15th
on top of Viking Mountain.

Greeneville Lodge No. 3
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JOHN WALTER SAYNE - WORSHIPFUL MASTER

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The Worshipful Master's Address

I want to thank all of those who were involved in making our Fellowship picnic a success. We had about 30 come celebrate 300 years of Freemasonry with us. It was a great opportunity to spend time with family and friends at the Lodge.

Several events will be taking place this month. On Saturday, July 8th, the York Rite Chapter / Council group meeting will be held at Greeneville Lodge. A hamburger and hot dog lunch will be served at noon. Several of the Grand Chapter, Council, and Commandery officers will be present. Also on July 8th, the Greene County Scottish Rite club will be having a car show in the parking lot of Food City next to Ryan's. This event helps raise money to provide shoes to children in Greene County.

On Tuesday, July 11th Grand Lecturer Brother Dewey Cox will be at Greeneville Lodge for our annual official visit. Please try to attend this important event

as our Lodge grade depends on your presence. For those who are interested in trying for a proficiency card or need to renew your card, please plan on attending.

On Saturday, July 15th, the Mountain Top degree will take place on top of Viking Mountain. This year a Scottish Rite degree team from Spartanburg, South Carolina will be conferring a Master Mason degree. Several Grand officers from Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina are expected to be in attendance. Lunch will be provided at 11:00 a.m. and the degree will follow around 12:30 p.m.

The Knoxville Scottish Rite reunion is coming up and will be a 3-day reunion. All the degrees that Knoxville does will be conferred at this reunion. The dates are as follows, August 12th, September 16th, and October 21st. If you are interested in joining the Scottish Rite, please see the Secretary for more information.

I also want to say Happy Fourth of July. This is a very historic day for our country and for Freemasonry. Spend time with your family and thank those that fight to uphold our Constitution so that we may have the freedom to do the things which we love.

Faternally,

John Walter Sayne
Worshipful Master



9 Signers

by John Sayne

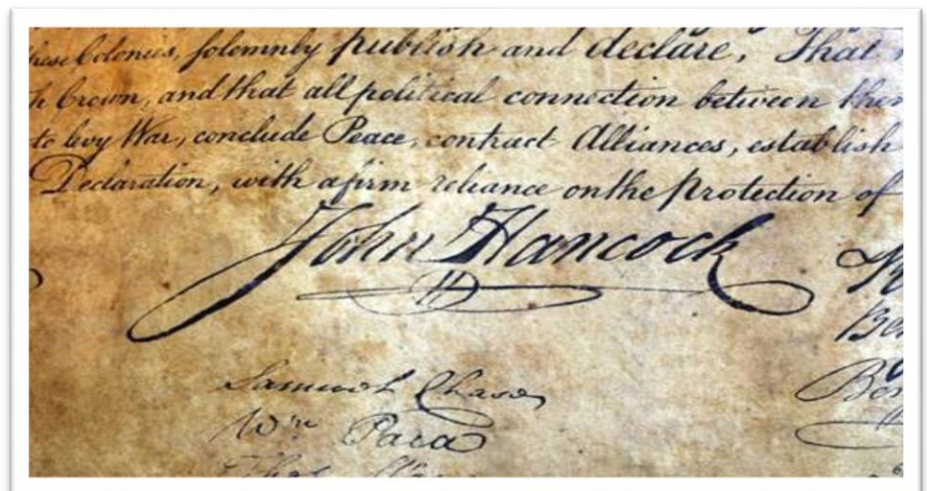
On a recent trip to Washington D.C., I had the privilege of visiting the National Archives. The National Archives building was designed by John Russell Pope. Pope also designed the House of the Temple, the headquarters for the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry Southern Jurisdiction.

Inside of the archives rests the most important document in American history, the Declaration of Independence. Credit for writing the Declaration is awarded to Thomas Jefferson who put pen to paper. There were five individuals assigned to the committee by the Second Continental Congress, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman, Robert Livingston, and Thomas Jefferson.

Of the 56 signatures found on the Declaration, 9 were Freemasons. William Ellery, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock, Joseph Hewes, William Hooper, Robert Treat Pain, Richard Stockton, George Walton, and William Whipple. There has never been any evidence to suggest that Thomas Jefferson was a member. It is possible that others could have been members, but these 9 are the only ones that can be confirmed.



Declaration of Independence



Signatures

Greeneville Commandery No. 43



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

\$3,248.38

Funds Raised

\$4,200.00

Funds Needed

LODGE OF SORROW
2017

- Charles Henry Worley

Greeneville York Rite



Chapter / Council Group Meeting will be held Saturday, July 8th at Greeneville Lodge.



Mountain Top Degree

July 15th on top of Viking Mountain

Mountain Top

The annual Mountain Top degree will be Saturday, July 15th on top of Viking Mountain. Take Viking Mountain Road off Asheville Highway and follow it to the top of the mountain. Coming from Greeneville Lodge, it is the last left before crossing the Tennessee / North Carolina state line. Please refer to our website for further directions and a map. www.greenevillelodgeno3.org.



Announcements

~ *Greenville Lodge Stated Meeting –
July 4th @ 7:30 p.m.*

~ *Chapter/Council Group Meeting –
July 8th @ 12:00 noon*

~ *Scottish Rite Car Show - July 8th @
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.*

~ *Official Visit –
July 11th @ 7:00 p.m. (eat @ 6:00 p.m.)*

~ *Eastern Star Stated Meeting –
July 13th @ 7:30 p.m.*

~ *Mountain Top Degree –
July 15th @ 12:30 p.m. (eat at 11 a.m.)*

~ *Greene County Scottish Rite Club –
July 20th @ 6:30 p.m.*

~ *Commandery Stated Meeting –
July 24th @ 7:00 p.m.*



*Greenville Lodge No. 3 F. & A. M. now has a Facebook page.
Follow us on Facebook to get updates on events taking place
at the Lodge.*

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1014991715301621/?ref=br_rs

**Guiding
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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.

John Sayne (Editor)

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