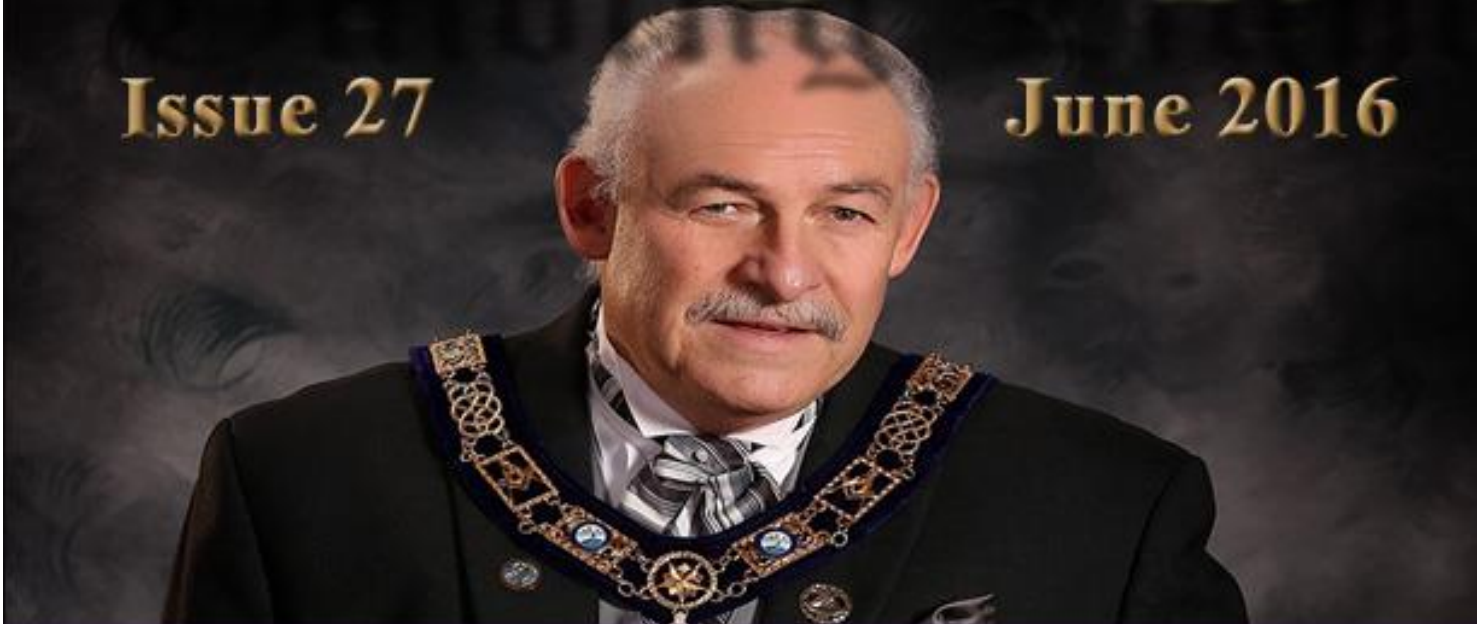


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## Grand Master's Homecoming

Most Worshipful Billy Ray Cutlip



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## Greeneville Lodge News

Greeneville Lodge No. 3 F&AM, the oldest Masonic lodge in the state, is celebrating a first in its 215-year history this year. Lodge member Billy Ray Cutlip has been elected the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free & Accepted Masons of Tennessee.

Cutlip has been crisscrossing the state since his election at the Masons' Annual Communication in March in Nashville, and his local lodge honored the Grand Master on Saturday, May 28 at his Homecoming held at First Baptist Church in Greeneville.

About 200 Masons from across Tennessee and other Southeastern states, their families and friends welcomed Cutlip, his wife Debra, their children and grandchildren.

Cutlip is the leading figure among more than 40,000 Freemasons in Tennessee. He was voted in as Grand Master in March and will serve until March of 2017. Saturday's Homecoming was also one of more than two-dozen District Meetings Cutlip and the other Grand Officers have attended across the state.

The meetings are designed to give Tennessee Freemasons a chance to meet the Grand Master and Grand Officers and to give the dignitaries a chance to update the members on the state and goals of the fraternity.

Freemasonry is the oldest fraternity in the world and in June will be celebrating the 299<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its official formation. Freemasonry came to Greeneville in 1801. Many local leaders have been members of Greeneville Lodge No. 3 throughout the years – including Congressmen, Senators, and even President Andrew Johnson – but Cutlip is the first member to have been elected Grand Master of Tennessee.

Several presentations were made to the Grand Master. Greeneville Lodge No. 3 presented Cutlip with his official portrait, which will hang in the lodge, a check to help cover his expenses, and a hand-made quilt. The First Lady of Freemasonry in Tennessee was presented with red roses.

The Upper East Tennessee York Rite Association gave the Grand Master an

autographed, first edition, antique copy of *The History of Freemasonry in Tennessee*.

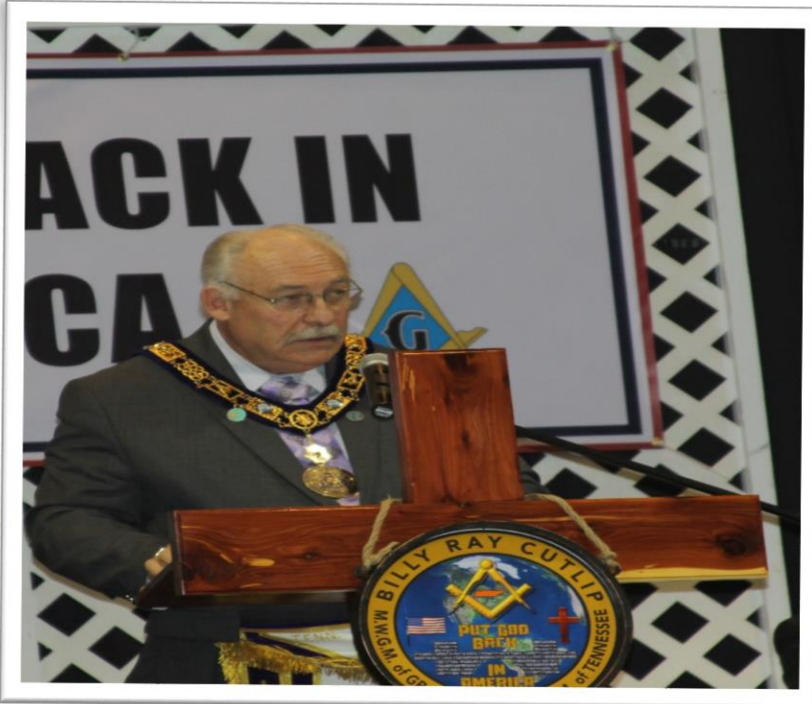
Cutlip's theme for his term as Grand Master is "Put God Back in America." The banquet facility at First Baptist was decorated in red, white, and blue; a banner featuring the Grand Master's theme hung behind him on the stage while he addressed the crowd; and members of Greeneville Commandery No. 43 in full uniform presented the U.S. flag. The Scott Family singers sang the national anthem to open the ceremonies and entertained the crowd with a gospel performance following the catered meal.

The Homecoming was the culmination of a lot of work and effort by a number of people, especially Royce Peterson, who coordinated the Homecoming, and his wife Sandra, who crafted the quilt for Cutlip.



# Grand Master's Homecoming

Photos by John Sayne



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



**Greeneville Chapter /  
Council is currently Dark  
June, July, and August.**



*Greeneville Lodge will be hosting the Sword of Bunker Hill degree on Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>.*

Sword of Bunker Hill



The Sam Davis Order No. 125 will confer the Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill on Saturday, June 11 at the Greeneville Masonic temple. Lunch will be at 12:00, and the Order will begin shortly after 1:00 p.m.

"The Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill is a Historical and Patriotic Order; founded to perpetuate the principles of American liberty, and to indelibly impress upon the minds of each generation the sacrifices made by our Masonic forefathers in forming and establishing the United States of America."

This Order is open to all Master Masons in good standing. If you are interested in participating, all you need is your current dues card and a one-time \$25 lifetime membership. There are no annual dues.

Contact PM Joe Byrd if you need more information.



## Announcements

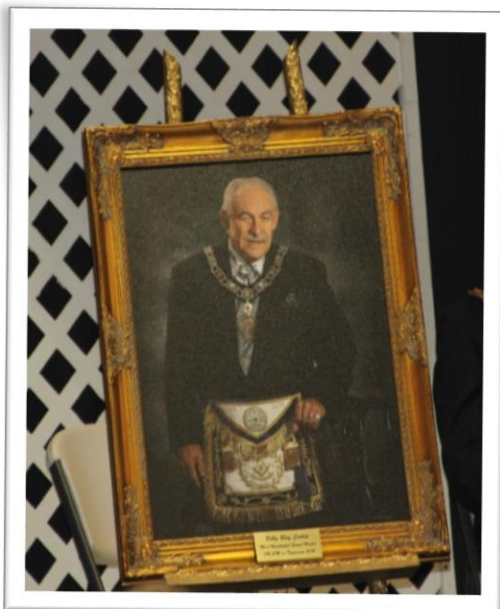
~ Greenville Lodge Stated Meeting –  
June 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.

~ Eastern Star Stated Meeting –  
June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.

~ Sword of Bunker Hill –  
June 11<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon

~ Greene County Scottish Rite Club –  
June 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

~Commandery Stated Meeting –  
June 27<sup>th</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 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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