



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

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Greeneville Lodge News



Once again, Brothers, we have added to our list of Master Masons at Greeneville Lodge No. 3.

The two new Brothers – Cody Robinson and Nathan Babb – bring our total to 14 new Master Masons in a little more than a year. With all those newly raised Brothers, and with the addition of several transfer members who have joined our ranks, Greeneville Lodge No. 3 is doing what Masonry across the state is not; it is growing.

For years, Freemasonry in Tennessee – and across the country, for that matter – has seen its numbers slowly decrease with the passage of time. Think of it as the grains of sand falling through an hourglass. Hopefully, that trend is being reversed, and we will continue to experience a rebirth in interest in our Lodge.

What we need, though, is not just a surge in interest in our Lodge from new members; we need renewed interest from existing members. What we need are Masons. Every man who knocks on the door of the Lodge is important, but there is a difference. In order for a Lodge to be vibrant and an important

part of its community, Masons, as many as possible, need to be active on a regular basis. The Lodge belongs as much to one member as the next; come, be active, have your voice heard, take a part in the degree work, share ideas on what we can do to make our Lodge even better.

The following is a poem found on the internet. It is not original. If we knew the identity of the Brother who wrote it, we would certainly give him proper credit. As it is, we will just give him thanks for asking the tough question.

Which of These are You?

*Some members keep their Lodges strong,
while others join and just belong;*

*Some dig right in, some serve with pride, some
go along, just for the ride.*

*Some volunteer to do their share, while some
lay back and just don't care;*

*On meeting days some always show while
there are those who seldom go.*

*Some always pay their dues ahead; some get
behind for months, instead.*

*Some do their best, some build, some make,
some never give, but always take.*

*Some drag, some pull, some don't, some do;
Consider, which of these are you?*



Washington D.C.

by John Sayne (Editor)

A couple of weeks ago, I had the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. for a few days. I planned out a Masonic trip with two key locations in mind, the George Washington Masonic Memorial and the House of the Temple. Too often we hear lecture after lecture begging for support for these buildings. It is hard to hand out money for something that you have never seen.

I set out on a mission to bring these two miraculous feats of architecture to those that may never have the opportunity to see them in person. Before I left, I sent out a few emails requesting permission to take video footage of my experience. The George Washington Masonic Memorial was adamant about not allowing video footage. However, they do allow still photography.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial is such a remarkable building. It stands a very impressive 333 feet tall. It has a replica lodge room from the time that George Washington was Worshipful Master. It even has the actual chair that he used as Worshipful Master which he donated from his home at Mount Vernon.

On display is a clock marking the exact time of Washington's death. Also on display is a replica Masonic apron and the actual trowel that Washington used during the ceremonial laying of the Capitol corner stone.

The George Washington Masonic Memorial is a very impressive place to visit. I do encourage all that can to visit this amazing site. It brings a positive light to Masonry and is "The Example" of who we are.

I also sent an email for video footage to the House of the Temple, the headquarters for the Supreme Council 33 degree Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. Within a few hours I received an email back explaining that the current building policy prohibits video footage and only allows still photography. I emailed back explaining who I was and the purpose of my visit. The email was then forwarded on to another employee.

I continued on with my trip leaving on Saturday and staying until Wednesday. On Monday while walking around the Lincoln Memorial, I received an email on my phone that read, "Dear Bro. Sayne, we'd be happy to have you take some video during your visit to the House of the Temple, please ask for me at the guard's desk; I'd like to greet you and welcome you, signed S. Brent Morris." For those of you who do not know who Brent Morris is, he is the Director of Strategic Communications at the House of the Temple. He is the chief editor of the Scottish Rite Journal and has been featured on the History Channel many times discussing



Freemasonry. It was a true honor and privilege having the opportunity to sit down and talk with such a great man and Mason.

To complete my trip of Washington D.C., I visited Arlington National Cemetery. Though it is not directly related to Freemasonry, it was certainly a rewarding experience. The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the changing of the guard is an impressive display of absolute perfection. The dedication that these men have to honoring their fallen Brothers is inspiring. If each of us would show 1/10 of the dedication to each other and to the Fraternity that these men do, Masonry would not have anything to worry about.

I put together a featured presentation of my experience visiting Washington D.C. that can be viewed from the Greenville Lodge website. The video section is listed under the info tab on the top navigation bar. You can also find it on YouTube by searching Greenville Lodge No. 3, the title of the video is The City That Our Brother Built.

<http://greenvillelodgeno3.org/videos.php>

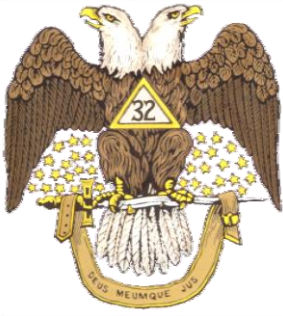


“Truth will ultimately prevail where there is pains to bring them to light.”

George Washington



Greeneville Scottish Rite Club



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New Meeting Time



Greeneville Chapter and Council will have their last stated meeting in May before going dark through the summer. Meeting time is now 7:00 p.m.



Pictured are (front row, from left): Karl Sabey, Grand Sentinel Hank Hambin, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Lou Gafford, Grand Royal Arch Captain Joe Byrd, (back row) Ben Rosen, Joe Gosnell, Ryan Parvin, and Dwayne Wells.

Festival / District Meeting

Greeneville's York Rite bodies welcomed five new members after they took part as candidates in this year's Upper East Tennessee York Rite Association Spring Festival in Kingsport. Various Grand Officers from the Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, Grand Council, and Grand Commandery — including nearly 10 sitting or past Grand Masters, High Priests, Illustrious Masters, and Commanders — were in attendance to give these new Companions and Sir Knights an impression of how important and strong York Rite Masonry is in the state of Tennessee. Greeneville Masons receiving their York Rite degrees were Joe Gosnell, Ryan Parvin, Ben Rosen, Karl Sabey, and Dwayne Wells

District No. 22 held its annual meeting at Brazelton Lodge in Dandridge this year. Most Worshipful Grand Master Phillip Dwight Hastings (pictured right) told stories and thanked everyone for their support. The Grand Officers and guest speakers gave presentations about various programs for 2015. Greeneville Lodge No. 3 had 12 members in attendance.



Announcements

*~ Greenville Lodge Stated Meeting –
May 5th*

*~ Chapter / Council Stated Meeting –
May 11th @ 7:00 p.m.*

*~ Order of the Eastern Star Stated
Meeting – May 14th*

*~Greene County Scottish Rite Club
Meeting – May 21th*

*~Commandery Stated Meeting –
May 25th @ 7:00 p.m.*

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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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