

# Guiding Light

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

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## Greeneville Lodge News

**A**t the April stated business meeting, the members of Greeneville Lodge No. 3 voted to ban smoking in the upstairs portion of the Lodge building. Smoking is now restricted to the downstairs dining hall unless a major Masonic function is being held. If an event or Masonic dinner is being held in the dining hall, members are asked to please step outside to smoke.

On May 28<sup>th</sup> at the First Baptist Church in Greeneville, District 22 will be holding the Grand Lodge District meeting. This is the last District meeting and will serve as the Most Worshipful Grand Master's Homecoming.

Since this is the first Grand Master that Greeneville Lodge has ever had, it is strongly encouraged that all Officers and Brethren attend this distinguished meeting to show our support for Brother Billy Ray Cutlip.

The three stationed Officers of Greeneville Commandery No. 43 Knights Templar will be presenting the Colors in full uniform. Several presentations are expected to be made from various Masonic Bodies and local Government Officials. It will surely be a Historical event that no one wants to miss.

The Sam Davis Order No. 125 will be visiting Greeneville Lodge No. 3 on June 11<sup>th</sup> to confer the Sword of Bunker Hill degree. Lunch will be served at 12 noon and the degree will begin at 1:00 p.m. If you are a Master Mason in good standing and interested in participating, please bring a current dues card and a one-time fee of \$25. There are no annual dues.

Our Senior Warden, Brother John Sayne, has been selected by the Supreme Council 33<sup>o</sup> Southern Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry to perform live at this year's Celebrating the Craft. Celebrating the Craft is a live web show promoting Freemasonry and the Scottish Rite. The event is organized like a traditional Telethon in order to raise money for the Rebuilding the Temple campaign and the various Charitable projects by Valleys all across the Southern Jurisdiction.

Tune in to Celebrating the Craft on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 p.m. – midnight and show your support for Brother John. Donate to vote him as the Scottish Rite's favorite talent and support the various Charitable projects in Tennessee.



# Rudyard Kipling

by Joe Byrd (Past Master)

**M**any famous authors over the years have been Freemasons. One noteworthy literary master was Rudyard Kipling.

Kipling is famous for his works such as *The Jungle Book*, *Kim*, and *Gunga Din*. His Masonic affiliation is evident in works such as *The Man Who Would Be King* and *The Mother Lodge*.

Born in 1865 in Bombay, India, Kipling was the son of a British government official. His father was a Freemason. Well-educated and a writer by nature, Kipling was working as the assistant editor of a newspaper in Lahore, Punjab, when he became a Mason under dispensation at the under-age of 20 because The Lodge of Hope and Perseverance "needed a good secretary." Kipling also became a Mark Master Mason while in India.

Kipling traveled the world throughout his life and joined many Masonic lodges and societies throughout India, England, Scotland, and even the United States. He spent time living in Vermont and wrote some of his more famous works while living there. Kipling was friends with fellow Mason and author Mark Twain.

Kipling's love of Freemasonry is evident in his work. Some of his works contain veiled allusions that only members of the fraternity would catch – such as the old brown bear Baloo teaching young Mowgli the "master word" so he can travel safely throughout the jungle in *The Jungle Book*; others are overtly Masonic.

One of Kipling's masterpieces is *The Man Who Would Be King* (available in our lodge library). This is a lighthearted tale about two con men who happen to be Masons. They use their knowledge of Freemasonry to set up their own kingdom – with unintended consequences – in the outskirts of the British Empire.

Two of Kipling's overtly Masonic poems – *The Mother Lodge* and *Banquet Night* – were written as tributes to the Craft.

One of Kipling's most famous poems is undoubtedly *If*. While it may or may not have been Masonic in inspiration, the words of the

poem still ring true more than 100 years after it was written.

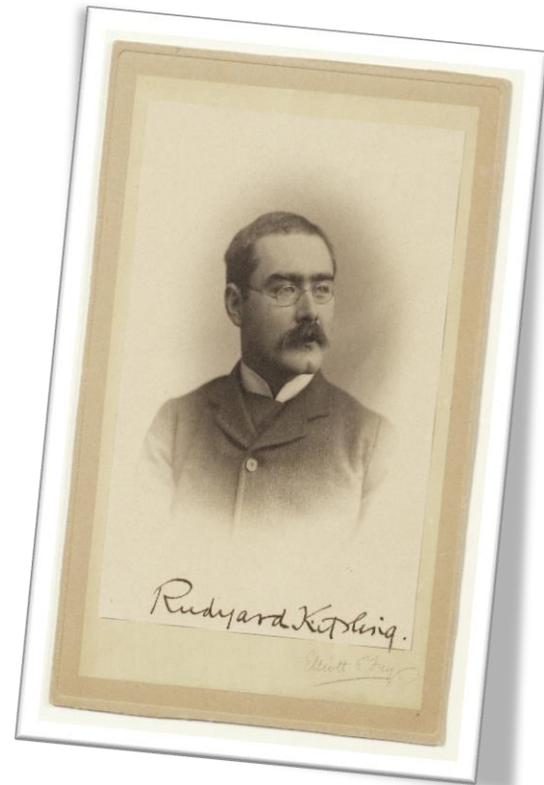
*"If you can keep your head when all about you  
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you,  
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt  
you,  
But make allowance for their doubting too;  
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting,  
Or being lied about, don't deal in lies,  
Or being hated, don't give way to hating,  
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise:*

*If you can dream—and not make dreams your  
master;  
If you can think—and not make thoughts your  
aim;  
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  
And treat those two impostors just the same;  
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken  
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  
Or watch the things you gave your life to,  
broken,  
And stoop and build 'em up with worn-out  
tools:*

*If you can make one heap of all your winnings  
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,  
And lose, and start again at your beginnings  
And never breathe a word about your loss;  
If you can force your heart and nerve and  
sinew  
To serve your turn long after they are gone,  
And so hold on when there is nothing in you  
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on!"*

*If you can talk with crowds and keep your  
virtue,  
Or walk with Kings—nor lose the common  
touch,  
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,  
If all men count with you, but none too much;  
If you can fill the unforgiving minute  
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,  
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,*

*And—which is more—you'll be a Man, my  
son."*



Greeneville Commandery No. 43



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

\$3,200.00

Funds Raised

\$4,200.00

Funds Needed

LODGE OF SORROW  
2016

Donald Ray Crum

Greeneville York  
Rite



**May is the last meeting  
of Chapter / Council  
before going dark.**

**NO  
SMOKING**

**THANK YOU  
FOR YOUR  
COOPERATION**



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**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 –  
May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.*

~ *Chapter / Council Stated Meeting –  
May 9<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.*

~ *Eastern Star Stated Meeting –  
May 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m.*

~ *Greene County Scottish Rite Club –  
May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.*

~ *Commandery Stated Meeting –  
May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.*

~ *Homecoming / District Meeting – May  
28<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon First Baptist Church in  
Greenville*



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*George Washington Campbell  
First Worshipful Master of Greenville Lodge  
1801 - 1802*

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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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