



# Guiding Light

## November 2014

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

IN THIS ISSUE: ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

## Worshipful Master's Message

by Joe Byrd (Worshipful Master)

Brethren and Friends,

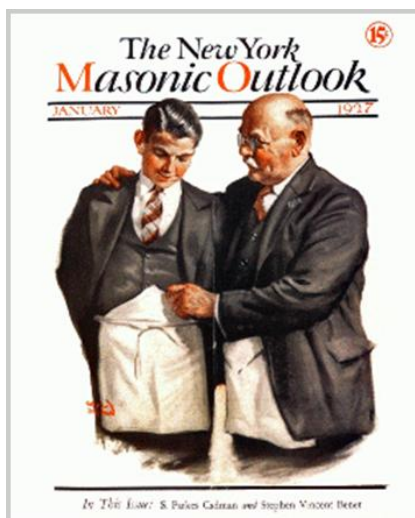
We all know Freemasonry is a family. I believe Greenville Lodge No. 3 is a shining example of how the family gets put into our fraternity.

Many of us in Greenville Lodge No. 3 have the honor and privilege of being Masonic brothers with our own blood relatives. Among this year's lineup of officers alone, unless I am mistaken, all but one is the son, father, brother, or grandfather of a Mason. When you count the members sitting on the sidelines each month, the number of us with close kin by our side grows incredibly.

I can personally attest that attending lodge with your dad is a special feeling. I feel certain that any Mason will say the same thing. Earlier this year, I also had the honor of discovering our lodge minutes from when my great-great grandfather, Joseph Reed, after whom I am named, took his degrees 109 years before I did.

Our lodge has done a good job this year of keeping that family tradition alive and well. The number of fathers, sons, grandsons, nephews, and cousins who have become members of Greenville Lodge No. 3 brings a warm feeling to my heart. I certainly hope that is a tradition our lodge, and Masonry as a whole, will continue long after we have all joined the celestial lodge above.

Another great tradition Masonry and Greenville Lodge No. 3 both have is being a home for military veterans. Our lodge has a great representation from the U.S. Navy, Army, Air Force, and Marines. November is the month when we observe Veterans Day. I ask that each of you take time to remember and say a prayer for members of our military ... past, present, and future.



New York Masonic Outlook, illustrated by Samuel Emmons Brown, January 1927. National Heritage Museum.



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

# Royal Arch Chapter

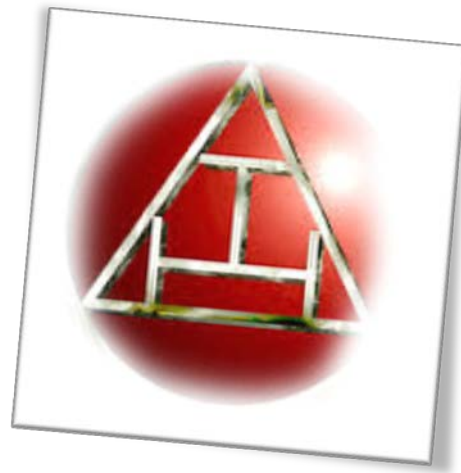
by John Sayne (Senior Deacon / Webmaster)

The Royal Arch Chapter degrees consists of four degrees. The scene is set during the time of the construction phase of King Solomon's Temple. The four degrees are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and The Royal Arch.

The first degree of the Royal Arch Chapter is the Mark Master degree. This degree takes the Candidate back in time as Fellowcraft working in the quarry. This degree emphasizes the lessons of regularity, discipline, and integrity.

The second degree of the Royal Arch Chapter is the Past Master Degree. Ancient custom required that a Mason must be a Past Master of his Blue Lodge before he could be exalted to the Royal Arch. Therefore, this "virtual" Past Master degree was created in order to maintain that ancient tradition. This degree emphasizes the lesson of harmony.

The third degree of the Royal Arch Chapter is the Most Excellent Master degree. This degree takes the Candidate to the completion and dedication of the Temple. In



this degree, the Candidate gets to witness the consecration of the Sanctum Sanctorum and the descent of the Host into the Temple. This degree is complimentary to the Mark Master degree and emphasizes the lesson of reverence.

The final degree is The Royal Arch degree. This degree explains the origins of the Substitute Word found in the Master Mason degree of the Blue Lodge. In this degree, witness the recovery of the Ineffable word. The presiding body is a Chapter and the presiding officer is a High Priest titled Excellent.

Next month we will take a closer look at each of the Cryptic Masonry degrees. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of the Greeneville Chapter, please let us know and we will be happy to assist.

For more information about York Rite Masonry of Tennessee, please visit the TN Grand York Rite website below.

<http://tngrandyorkrite.org/>



## A Message From The South

by Josh Cox (Junior Warden)

***"Brethren do not put down your working tools."***

Greeneville Scottish Rite Club



SCOTTISH RITE SHOE PROGRAM

40

Monthly Report

100

Year to Date Report

LODGE OF SORROW

- Brother Howard White
- Brother Bob King
- Brother Paul Dixon
- Brother Lewis Buckles

PRAYER REQUESTS

Brethren, please continue to keep Bro. Carl Bird and his family in your prayers.



Second Day of the Upper East TN York Rite Festival will be held in Elizabethton on Saturday November 8<sup>th</sup>.



Greeneville Order of the Eastern Star Officers pictured with the Tennessee Eastern Star Grand Officers.

Official Visit 2014

by John Sayne (Senior Deacon / Webmaster)

Greeneville Chapter No. 223 Order of the Eastern Star held their annual Official Visit on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Speaking from the perspective of a new Eastern Star member, I can personally say I was very pleased with the turnout. I do not think I have ever seen our Lodge room as full as it was that night.

Several introductions were made for Grand Officers and Committee members. Following the introductions, the Worthy Patron was given the opportunity to say a few words. The floor was then left to the Worthy Matron. It was great to have an opportunity to meet all of the Grand Officers.

Now let me get to the best part, the food. If you are someone that likes good food, you need to join the Eastern Star. Wow, can these ladies cook or what?

In summary, I would certainly call the Official Visit a success. Again I left the Lodge that night completely impressed with what I had witnessed. Greeneville Lodge No. 3 and all of the Appendant Bodies that meet here set the standard for Masonry in the entire State of Tennessee. It is all due to the hard work and effort of each member. As a member, a friend, and a Brother, I thank you.

# A Message From The South

by Josh Cox (Junior Warden)

***"Brethren, let us strive each day to be the light in a world so covered in darkness".***



---

## Announcements

***-Greenville Lodge No. 3 Stated Meeting Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>***



***-Greenville Chapter No. 135 and Council No. 77 Sated Meeting Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>***



***-Greenville Commandery No. 43 Stated Meeting Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>***



Please feel free to submit articles, pictures, news, ect. This applies to all Bodies that meet at Greeneville Lodge No. 3 F. & A. M. Submissions can be emailed to [greenevillelodgeno3@gmail.com](mailto:greenevillelodgeno3@gmail.com). All submissions will be reviewed and approved by the Worshipful Master before publishing. Having a steady flow of content is crucial to the success of this newsletter.

John Sayne (Editor)

# Guiding Light

November, 2014  
Issue 8



GREENEVILLE LODGE NO. 3 F. & A. M.  
[www.greenevillelodgeno3.org](http://www.greenevillelodgeno3.org)  
[greenevillelodgeno3@gmail.com](mailto:greenevillelodgeno3@gmail.com)