



Guiding Light

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

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Worshipful Master's Message

Brethren and Friends,

Attending Grand Lodge Week in Nashville is an experience every Tennessee Mason owes to himself at least once.

Brother J.C. Jones said it best when he compared Grand Lodge to a family reunion. As Masons, we have friends whom we've never met. Going to Nashville for Grand Lodge gives a Mason a chance to meet those friends face to face. That's what Freemasonry is truly about, having an opportunity to make and renew friendships.

This year's Annual Communication was the 200th meeting of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Just like the first gathering two centuries ago, Greenville Lodge No. 3 was well represented.

Greenville Lodge No. 3 played a major role in forming the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. One of our own, Rev. Stephen Brooks, was chairman of the committee appointed to petition the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to release jurisdictional authority over its Lodges west of the Appalachian Mountains. When the Grand Lodge of Tennessee officially formed, Brooks was named our first Grand Chaplain.

The highlight of this year's Grand Lodge Week for Greenville Masons was seeing another member of our Lodge continue his journey in the Grand Line. Brother Billy Ray Cutlip was elected Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, and if the Grand Architect of the Universe is willing, in two years Greenville Lodge No. 3 will be honoring its first Grand Master.

Outgoing Grand Master Roy C. Etherton deserves praise for the job he did during his term of office. As Grand Master, Brother Etherton was a friend to Greenville Lodge No. 3, visiting us here many times. I personally welcome him back as frequently as he'd like, and as Worshipful Master, I hope newly elected Most Worshipful Grand Master Delbert R. Musick will join us during his year in the Grand East.

The first opportunity we will have to welcome the new Grand Master and his officers will be at our District Meeting on April 8 at Brown Springs Baptist Church. These meetings are both informative and fun. I urge you all to attend if possible.

Joe Byrd
Worshipful Master



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 8 – District Meeting – Brown Springs Baptist Church

April 19 & 26 – Upper East TN York Rite Association Festival – Kingsport, TN

Going Digital

by John Sayne (Senior Deacon / Webmaster)

What a great year we had last year. Celebrating the bicentennial year of Freemasonry of Tennessee will certainly be something that I will never forget. What a better way to kick off another 200 years than with the year we have started so far. I cannot believe how many new members we are taking in.

This year Greenville Lodge No. 3 F. & A. M. has decided to make a change that could very well impact the future of the lodge. That's right, Greenville Lodge is going digital!

Greenville Lodge has decided to create a web presence. I hope everyone finds our new website useful. I really appreciate everyone's support and will do my best in creating something that we can all be proud of. After all, our website will be the first impression for some of our visitors and newly made brothers. I want to make sure that it represents us well.



I present the first addition of Guiding Light, a monthly newsletter featuring Greenville Lodge No. 3 F. & A. M. I sincerely hope that everyone finds this newsletter enjoyable. It is like we all say in Lodge, "you get out of it what you put into it". This is why I could really use some help making this something spectacular. If you have any news, articles,

or anything that you would like to include in the newsletter, please feel free to send it to me. You can reach me at greenevillelodgeno3@gmail.com.

A Message From The West

by Dewey Cox (Senior Warden)

"Brethren do not put down your working tools".



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PRAYER REQUESTS

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



Bro. Josh Cox received his 32nd Degree on March 8, 2014 at the Knoxville Scottish Rite Spring Reunion. Congratulations go out to him and all of our other newly made Brethren!

New Brothers

by John Sayne (Senior Deacon / Webmaster)

Congratulations to our newly made Entered Apprentice and Fellow Craft Masons. On behalf of Greeneville Lodge No. 3 F. & A. M., I am pleased to welcome you to our Fraternity. I believe that you will find your membership a satisfying experience and will gain new insight about yourself and the world around you. I hope that you will work hard and complete your journey of self-discovery. I will tell you what one of our Brothers told me, "You started something, now **FINISH!!!**" I sure am glad that I did and I hope that you will too!

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".



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