

# GUIDING LIGHT

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## VALENTINE'S DAY

The History of Saint Valentine

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VALENTINE  
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JOHN WALTER SAYNE - WORSHIPFUL MASTER

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# The Worshipful Master's Address

February is a time to think about the special people in our lives. It is a celebration of love. It is said that behind every good man is a good woman. I guess that is my problem!

The women in our lives are like cement. They provide structure and support. They give our lives a strong foundation, and when bad things hit the fan, they have the spirit and determination to get things back in order.

I am very proud of how my year in office has started. I want to thank the officers for their dedication and hard work thus far. We will have our first degree of the new year in February and will hopefully have much more as the year progresses.

Grand Lodge week is vastly approaching. It is very important that you attend this month's stated business meeting as we will discuss Grand Lodge proposals. I promise to do my best to keep the meeting as short as possible.

Refreshments will be provided by the Stewards following the meeting, so please join us for some great fellowship.

I have one final request. After you finish reading this month's newsletter, go to your wife, girlfriend, or mother; give her a hug and tell her how much you love her. If I have learned anything from Freemasonry, it is that our days are numbered and we never know which day is our last. That is why we must make each day count.

Fraternally and with Brotherly Love,

John Walter Sayne  
Worshipful Master



# Saint Valentine



In February 14, 278 A.D., a Roman holy priest was executed by order of Emperor Claudius II. Claudius II desired to have a strong army under his rule. He was having difficulty getting men to join due to strong connections with their wives and families.

Attempting to solve the problem, the Emperor banned all marriages and engagements in Rome. Valentine believed that the decree from the Emperor was unjust and rebelled against Claudius II. Valentine continued to marry young couples in secret.

When word of Valentine's actions reached Emperor Claudius II, it was ordered that Valentine be put to death. Strict search was made and Valentine was arrested. He was taken before the Prefect of Rome who condemned him to be beaten and beheaded. The sentence was carried out on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Legend also says that while in prison, Valentine became friends with one of the jailers' daughters. Before he was taken for execution, Valentine left her a farewell note, signed "From Your Valentine."

Valentine became a Saint sometime after his death. His legend is often mingled with the Feast of Lupercalia, the pagan feast of love. During the feast, names of young women were placed in a box and drawn by men in a game of chance for love. In 496 A.D., Pope Gelasius ended the Feast of Lupercalia and declared that February 14<sup>th</sup> to be forever celebrated as Saint Valentine's Day.



*Stained glass image of Saint Valentine performing a marriage ceremony.*

Greeneville Commandery No. 43



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

\$3,248.38

Funds Raised

\$4,200.00

Funds Needed

LODGE OF SORROW  
2017

- Charles Henry Worley

# Greeneville York Rite



# Grand Lodge

Grand Lodge week is quickly approaching. If you plan on attending, now is the time to make reservations. The Millennium Maxwell House Hotel is the hosting hotel this year. If you plan on staying at the Maxwell House, please remember to use promo code 1703MASONS. Rooms are available for \$139 plus tax per night. A hospitality suite will be available Sunday thru Wednesday. The cutoff date for reservations is February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Grand Lodge Week – March 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>

Monday – 8:00 a.m. Grand Chapter  
12:00 p.m. Grand Council

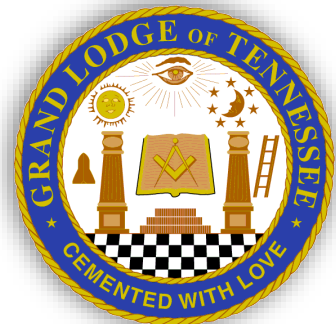
Tuesday – 8:00 a.m. Grand Commandery

Wednesday – 8:00 a.m. Grand Lodge opens

Thursday – 8:00 a.m. Grand Lodge completes business and closes.



*Grand Lodge auditorium in Nashville, TN*



## Announcements

~ *Greeneville Lodge Stated Meeting –  
February 7th @ 7:30 p.m.*

~ *Eastern Star Stated Meeting –  
February 9th @ 7:30 p.m.*

~ *Chapter / Council Stated Meeting –  
February 13th @ 7:00 p.m.*

~ *Greene County Scottish Rite Club –  
February 16th @ 6:30 p.m.*

~ *Commandery Stated Meeting –  
February 27th @ 7:00 p.m.*



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*Entered Apprentice Degree February 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:30 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 Greeneville 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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