

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

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Greenville Lodge News

This month will be a busy month for Greenville Lodge as it prepares for the events coming up in July. On Saturday, July 11th, Greenville Lodge will be hosting the York Rite Group meeting. The annual Greene County Scottish Rite Car Show will also be held on this day in the parking lot of Big Lots.

July will also be a month of official visits. Greenville Lodge No. 3 will be hosting their official visit on July 14th and will be the last official visit conducted by Brother Robert Reed. Brother Reed announced that he will be retiring as our District Grand Lecturer. He will be replaced by Greenville Lodge's current Worshipful Master Brother Dewey Cox. The Order of the Eastern Star will also be having their official visit on July 24th.

Preparation has already started for one of the biggest Masonic events of the summer. Greenville Lodge No. 3 will be hosting the Mountain Top degree on top of Viking Mountain. Contact has already been made by several Lodges from surrounding states who are interested in attending this year. This year the famous Mountain Top degree will be a special occasion. The degree will be

conferred by a Civil War degree team. The entire degree is performed in period style. If you have never seen a Civil War degree, the Mountain Top degree is something that you do not want to miss.

The month of June will also be a busy time for the Greenville York Rite Chapter. On Monday June 8th, Greenville Chapter will be conferring the Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master degrees with the assistance from surrounding Chapters. The Royal Arch degree will be conferred on June 25th at Church Hill to complete the Chapter degrees. If you have been considering joining the York Rite, now is a perfect time to continue your Masonic journey and discover the "Lost Word."



I WILL FLY TO THE RELIEF

by Joe Byrd (Past Master)

Every Master Mason has sworn to defend the reputation of a Brother, and now is the time each of us must uphold that obligation. One of our most famous Tennessee Masons is under attack. There is a movement gaining traction across the country to remove Andrew Jackson from the \$20 bill. Who these people want on the bill isn't important; what is important is that these ruffians want to condemn one of our most beloved Tennesseans to the rubbish heap.

Every Mason you know, every person you know, should contact our representatives in Washington and voice their opinion in an effort to halt this movement in its tracks (easy links provided below).

Andrew Jackson was a two-time Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, serving in 1822 and 1823. Our local history tells us Jackson was no stranger to Greeneville Lodge No. 3, visiting whenever he passed through this way and even filling in various officer stations from time to time. He was a personal friend to many of our earliest elected officers.

He was the first man from west of the Appalachian Mountains to be elected President of the United States, and he is still the only President to pay off the national debt. Prior to becoming our seventh President, Jackson was elected as a U.S. Representative from Tennessee, was elected as a U.S. Senator from the Volunteer State, was a judge on the Tennessee Supreme Court, led U.S. forces to a famous victory at the Battle of New Orleans in the War of 1812, and was elected as a U.S. Senator from Tennessee for a second time. While President, Jackson staved off the dissolution of the Union and the Civil War by decades.

In the 1820s and 1830s when anti-Masonic fervor swept our country and many politicians renounced their membership in our great fraternity, Jackson loudly professed his love of Freemasonry and its principles. In fact, Jackson's election to his second term in office as President in 1832 was notable because he defeated William Wirt, who represented the "Anti-Masonic" Party.

We, not only as Masons and Tennesseans but also as Tennessee Masons, must raise our collective voices in defense of Andrew Jackson. It isn't exactly clear whether anyone in Washington is seriously considering taking Jackson off the \$20 bill. It is clear that those who wish to see him removed are having their say. If you don't think so, do a quick internet search. If we do nothing in defense of our Masonic Brother, we only have ourselves to blame when we reach into our wallets and no longer see one of the greatest lights Tennessee Freemasonry has even known.

If you think no one actually reads correspondence sent to our elected officials, think again. A few days after emailing my concerns, I actually received a phone call from the office of Lamar Alexander. I didn't speak to the senator himself; the person was most likely an intern. But, *he called me* and quoted my email during our conversation. He said Tennessee's Washington delegation is aware of the situation and working to keep Andrew Jackson where he belongs. Don't let this be the end of it, though; the more vocal we are, the better.

Contact our elected state representatives today:

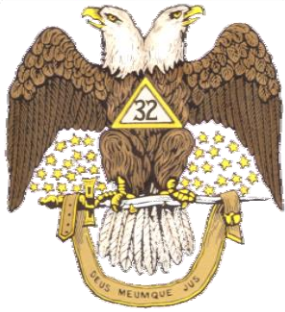
Senator Lamar Alexander:
<http://www.alexander.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=Email>

Senator Bob Corker:
<http://www.corker.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/emailme>

Rep. Phil Roe:
<http://roe.house.gov/contact/>



Greenville Scottish Rite Club



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New Meeting Time



Greenville Chapter will be conferring the first three Chapter degrees on Monday, June 8th starting at 6:00 p.m.

Chapter and Council are currently dark June – August.



The annual Greene County Scottish Rite Club car show is coming in July! We encourage all to attend. The car show raises money in support of the Mercy Fund – shoes for kids program. We hope to make 2015 the biggest year yet!

New Grand Lecturer

Brother Robert Reed (pictured above right) announced that he will be retiring as our District Grand Lecturer. Brother Reed has served the role for many years and has done an excellent job.



It was later announced that Greenville Lodge's very own Brother Dewey Cox will be taking on the role as the new District Grand Lecturer. Brother Cox (pictured below right) is currently serving as Worshipful Master for Greenville Lodge. We all wish him great success with his new role.



Announcements

*~ Greenville Lodge Stated Meeting –
June 2nd @ 7:30*

~ Chapter Degrees – June 8th @ 6:00

*~ Order of the Eastern Star Stated
Meeting – June 11th @ 7:30*

*~ Greene County Scottish Rite Club
Meeting – June 18th @ 6:30*

*~ Commandery Stated Meeting –
June 22nd @ 7:00*

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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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