



Guiding Light

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

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Worshipful Master's Message

by Joe Byrd (Worshipful Master)

Brethren and Friends,

I hope every member of Greenville Lodge No. 3 had a wonderful April and Easter holiday season.

One of the great things about being a Mason is that we all have friends – no, Brothers – we have never met. I had just the opportunity the other day. I received an email from a fellow Mason named Dean Pence. He lives in Asheville, but his stepfather, Harry Rule Jr., lives here in Greenville. Brother Rule is an Ohio Mason who has served the craft for more than 50 years. He doesn't get out much these days, and Dean asked if anyone from our Lodge would be willing to pay a visit.

There was never a question. Each of us took an obligation to help our brother Masons. I stopped by after work one afternoon, and the visit went well. Just the mention of Masonry made Brother Rule perk up and smile.

Freemasonry is more than a fraternal organization. It is a family. It is the knowing that there is someone out there on whom you can count, even if you've never met him.

Brethren, please take time to remember and visit our sick and shut-in members. If you have a chance, pay them a visit. These men are valuable members of our Lodge, and a few moments' bond with a Brother means a lot to them. In the end, a few moments' bond with a well-informed Brother will mean a lot to you, too.

On a different note, many members of Greenville Lodge No. 3 had the honor of taking part in the Upper East Tennessee York Rite Association Spring Festival in April. The first day of the festival saw in attendance no fewer than six sitting or past grand heads of various bodies as well as a handful of other grand officers. It was a personal privilege for me to get to take part in the degree work.

I also know members of our Lodge took part in the spring Scottish Rite Reunion in Knoxville. Either way, it's great that we have Masons always searching for more light.

As Worshipful Master, I was honored to receive more light myself recently when I joined the Charles Newton Bush Past Masters Association. A sitting Worshipful



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

Master should have confidence in those who came before him and serve with humility. I received a good dose of both when joining the association and appreciate the lessons learned.

Closing on a sad note, I ask each of our members to remember Brother Howard White. He passed on to the Celestial Lodge Above in late April. Our Lodge owes Brother White a great debt. For those who do not know, our Lodge hall itself was a former hardware store owned by Howard, and thanks to his willingness to sell it to us, we have what I feel is one of the finest Masonic homes in the state.

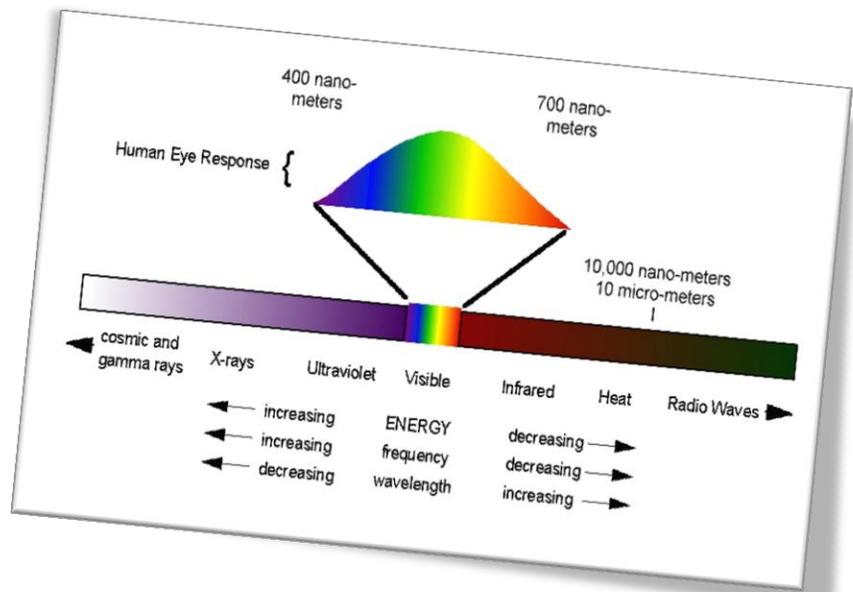
A Great Light

by John Sayne (Senior Deacon / Webmaster)

The most important symbol found in Freemasonry is Light. Light is a symbol of knowledge and learning. Through masonic teachings, we learn the importance of learning and science. For we all grope through the struggles of darkness from time to time. That leads me to a question, "What is light?"

Light can be defined as the natural agent that stimulates sight and makes objects visible in space. However, there is a more scientific explanation for the mystery of light. Light is simply electromagnetic radiation that exhibits wavelength. If you look at a diagram of the light spectrum, you will notice that only a small section of the spectrum contains visible light. The rest of the spectrum contains gamma rays, x-rays, ultraviolet rays, microwaves, and radio waves.

Have you ever taken a glass prism, held it up to a window, and looked at all of the colors that it displays? This phenomenon is created by the prism separating all of the different wavelengths of visible light. Pure white light contains all of the colors of the visible light spectrum. Each color, Red, Orange, Yellow,



Green, Cyan, Blue, and Violet, has its own corresponding wavelength. When those wavelengths of color combine, it results in pure white light.

I am sure that you have heard the old saying, "The grass is always greener on the other side." Is it always greener? Is the grass even green at all? Is a Florida orange really orange? Are strawberries really red? All of these questions bring us to how we perceive color. The colors of the objects around us are created by the unique chemicals that they contain. If you take an orange for example, chemicals found in the skin of the fruit absorb all of the wavelengths in the light

spectrum except for the color orange. The wavelength for orange is reflected by the skins surface. Therefore, we perceive the fruit as being orange. Technically speaking, an orange is every color except orange.

The next time you come to Lodge, take some time and look around. You just might see things a little differently. There is nothing like a Masonic journey to make one appreciate the simplicity of a little light. Remember, it is the little things in life that can make the greatest impact. It is up to each of us as men and Masons to dispel darkness, and make the world a little brighter.

A Message From The West

by Dewey Cox (Senior Warden)

"Brethren do not put down your working tools".



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Brother Howard White

PRAYER REQUESTS

Brethren, please keep Bro. Karl Sabey in your prayers. Bro. Sabey (EA) lost his home to a house fire.

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



York Rite Association

The Upper East Tennessee York Rite Association held their spring Festival on April 19th and the 26th at the Kingsport Masonic Lodge. 15 new York Rite Masons received the degrees.



Grand Senior Warden Bro. Billy Ray Cutlip addresses the audience at the District Meeting held at the Jericho Shrine Temple in Kingsport, TN.

District Meeting

by John Sayne (Senior Deacon / Webmaster)

Brother Bill Cutlip informed those in attendance at the annual district meeting about the TN CHIP program. He gave an update on the next step for the program which includes an electronic profile. The electronic profile includes digital finger print scans, digital photographs of the child, video, and voice recordings for voice recognition analysis. The new electronic profile system will be used to better help Law Enforcement establish a child data base that can be used. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Tennessee, Delbert R. Musick spoke about "What is a Mason?" and gave us all a solemn charge ever to walk and act as such.

Brethren, I hope everyone is enjoying the newsletter. Please feel free to submit articles, pictures, news, ect. This applies to all Bodies that meet at Greenville Lodge No. 3 F. & A. M. Submissions can be emailed to greenvillelodgeno3@gmail.com. All submissions will be reviewed and approved by the Worshipful Master. Having a steady flow of content is crucial to the success of this newsletter and our website in general. John Sayne (Webmaster / Editor)

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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