



# 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,

One of our newest Master Masons is undoubtedly the youngest Master Mason our Lodge has ever raised. He is likely the youngest we ever will raise. There may be one younger in the future, but the odds aren't likely.

Brother Dylan Earley asked me for a petition the day after he turned 18 in May. His petition was read in June, and he received the three degrees of Freemasonry successively in July, August, and September.

It is exciting to see young men interested in Masonry. I hope it means well for the future of our Lodge and our Craft.

Speaking of our Lodge, I'd like to share a poem with you this month. Arthur R. Herrman wrote it. I do not know Brother Herrman, but as far as I am concerned, his words ring true for Greenville Lodge No. 3.

Joe Byrd  
Worshipful Master

### The Lodge Where I Belong

*Though my lodge may lack the splendor  
of a Temple or a Shrine,  
Or possess the gaudy fixtures  
that are classed as superfine;*

*Yet the fellowship it offers  
is in a price beyond compare;  
and I wouldn't trade it ever  
for life's treasures rich or bare!*

*The handclasp firm, the word of cheer;  
Oh, such meanings they impart;  
The mystic ties of brotherhood  
that links us heart to heart!*

*You'd really have to travel far,  
for the friendships quite so strong;  
As those one always finds right here  
in the Lodge where I belong*

*When all my earthly travels end,  
and at last I'm borne to rest;  
Where mortal hands no longer toil  
and I cease life's endless quest.*

*Why there's nothing I'd like better,  
should I join the heavenly throng,  
than to meet with all the Brothers  
of the Lodge Where I Belong.*



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

# Masonic Education

by John Sayne (Senior Deacon / Webmaster)



Over the course of the next few months, I will be providing some general masonic education about some of the appendant bodies. This will primarily be geared for our newer members. I will start the series off by discussing the York Rite bodies. Most of the information will come straight from the Tennessee Grand York Rite website. This month we will discuss the Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry.

Founded in 1797, in Boston, Massachusetts, as a national organization, the General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, International now has jurisdiction over half the 7,000 Chapters in the world, including several provinces in Canada, the Grand Chapters of USA, Philippines, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and many chapters in Central and South America. Upon your exaltation as a Royal Arch Mason you will become a member of the oldest and largest rite of Royal Arch Masonry.

The Royal Arch Degrees was considered most important in the early years of Freemasonry and so dogmatic was the Mother Grand Lodge - from which all

Speculative Masonry derives - that in 1813, when the two grand lodges in England united, a firm and solemn landmark was adopted and placed in the Articles of Union to guide Masons throughout the world forever on this matter:

"Pure Ancient Freemasonry consists of but three degrees, that of Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch."

The Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry consists of four degrees, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason.

Royal Arch Masonry is the logical step for every Master Mason to take. If after becoming a Royal Arch Mason, you desire to continue your studies, you may take the Council Degrees and the Commandery Orders, both of which are illustrative of and carry forward the principles of the Royal Arch

Next month we will take a closer look at each of the Chapter 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.

<http://tngrandyorkrite.org/>



## A Message From The West

by Dewey Cox (Senior Warden)

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

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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.



Greeneville Chapter No. 223 O.E.S. will be hosting their Official Visit on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. A meal will be served at 6 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 7 p.m. We encourage all members of the Order to attend and show support to our Ladies.



Worshipful Master Joe Byrd pictured with the newly made Master Masons. Dylan Earley (left) and Karl Sabey (right)

# History in the Making!!!

by John Sayne (Senior Deacon / Webmaster)

September marked many firsts for Greeneville Lodge. We raised two new Master Masons one of whom will likely go down as the youngest Mason ever to be raised at Greeneville Lodge. His record of being the youngest will definitely be difficult to beat.

As Brother Joe stated in this month's Master's Message, Brother Earley's signed petition was presented in June just after turning 18. He then received the three degrees in the months of July, August, and September.

Another first for Greeneville Lodge was the raising of Brother Karl Sabey. Brother Sabey hails from a faraway land of Kings and Queens. He found his way to the great state of Tennessee all the way from the United Kingdom.

On behalf of Greeneville Lodge No. 3, I feel confident in saying that we are very pleased to call both of these fine young men Brother. Both of them have a bright future in this great Fraternity.

# 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 Chapter No. 223  
OES Official Visit Saturday,  
October 4<sup>th</sup>



-Greenville Lodge No. 3 Stated  
Meeting Tuesday, October 7th



-Greenville Chapter No. 135 and  
Council No. 77 Sated Meeting  
Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>



-Greenville Commandery No. 43  
Stated Meeting Monday,  
October 27<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)

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