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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,

Another month has come and gone, and it was another busy month for Greenville Lodge No. 3.

The highlight of the past month was not only that we raised four new Master Masons, but we raised them all four on one day. Some veteran members of our Lodge said we have done this many or more at once in years past, but in the 20-plus years I have been a member of the Lodge this was a first. It was a long day, but it was a rewarding day for the Lodge, for the new members, and for those of us doing the degree work. I personally want to congratulate and welcome our newest Master Masons.

We have raised five new Master Masons so far this year, and I am confident we will raise two or three more before 2014 comes to a close. Healthy growth is what Lodges -- and Masonry in general -- needs. Masonic membership numbers have been steadily declining across our great state for decades. Greenville Lodge No. 3 was one of

lodges that led the way in forming the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. Let us take the initiative once again to lead resurgence in Masonic growth in the Volunteer State. The biggest fires start with a single spark; Greenville Masons might as well be the ones to strike the match.

Masonic growth doesn't have to start with newly made Masons. One of best things each of us could do is invite a Brother to join you the next time you attend Lodge. Many times in life, getting out of the habit of doing something is much easier than getting into the habit of doing it. In many cases, it's not that members don't want to attend Lodge; they just haven't been in so long it slips their mind. I encourage everyone to call one member you know who hasn't been in a while and invite them to attend, challenge them to attend; offer to pick them up and bring them to the Lodge.

Imagine the wave of attendance and activity we could ride by simply getting members back through the door. Masons want to be involved and active. In today's

fast-paced world, things such as fraternal organizations get pushed to the back burner. We should endeavor to make our Lodge somewhere men want to be. I believe if many of these Brothers would come one time and see all the exciting things we have going on at Greenville Lodge No. 3, they'd come back on a regular basis. The snowball effect could surpass our greatest expectations.

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."***

# More Light

by John Sayne (Senior Deacon / Webmaster)

Many of the Greeneville Lodge members can remember when the current Greeneville Masonic Lodge was purchased from Brother Howard White, who recently passed earlier this year. The building was purchased on December 12, 1974. The location was originally a hardware store.

After Greeneville Lodge obtained the new property, massive renovations had to be conducted to get the Lodge Hall into shape. A kitchen had to be put into the downstairs dining hall. Bathrooms and other various projects had to be added or fixed.

Remnants of the original hardware store are still visible today if you look hard enough for them. The most obvious is the outside of the building where the large windows were boarded up. You can also see where the windows have been blocked from inside the Lodge room.

Greeneville Lodge is much like all of us, it is getting older everyday. Work and renovation



still needs to be taken care of to keep our lodge in top shape. The Lodge recently suffered from an infestation of termites. The termites did some damage throughout the building, but particularly the downstairs kitchen area. Hopefully a visit from pest control has remedied that situation.

On brighter news, with the help of the Lodge and the Masonic Bodies, new lights were purchased and installed into the Lodge room. Again, remnants from the old hardware store were left to light the building. The new lights, pictured above, were purchased from Brother Harold Hartman. Brothers Royce Peterson and Joe Byrd installed them.

The new lights certainly look much nicer than the old fluorescent tube bulbs that filled the Lodge room. The antique chandelier fixtures add a bit of sophistication and really help set the mood in Tennessee's oldest active masonic Lodge.

**"BUILDING and DEDICATION to the Temple is never complete. WORK and PROGRESS is never finished. FRIENDSHIP and BROTHERLY LOVE will always be found."**

# 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

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.



Greenville Chapter No. 135 R. A. M. and Council No. 77 will be emerging from darkness in September. Members of the York Rite bodies, please make all effort to attend the September stated meeting.



Worshipful Master Joe Byrd pictured with the newly made Master Masons.

A Day In The Life

by John Sayne (Senior Deacon / Webmaster)

Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, was a day in the life if you are a Master Mason. Greenville Lodge No. 3 welcomed not one, or two, or even three, but four newly made Master Masons.

It was certainly a very long day for all who attended and participated, but what a great day it was. Congratulations are in order for our new Brothers, for they have completed a long journey. However, their Masonic journeys have just begun and hope that each of them will apply the lessons that they have learned throughout their journey to their lives.

Every Mason has walked down the same or a similar path. We have all heard stories on TV, in books and magazines, etc., about the "power" of the Freemason's "secret society". There is only one true power that this amazing Masonic Fraternity offers. You no longer have to walk down that path alone. You will always and forever have a Brother in which you can rely by your side.

# 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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## Announcements

*Greenville Lodge No. 3 Stated Meeting Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>*

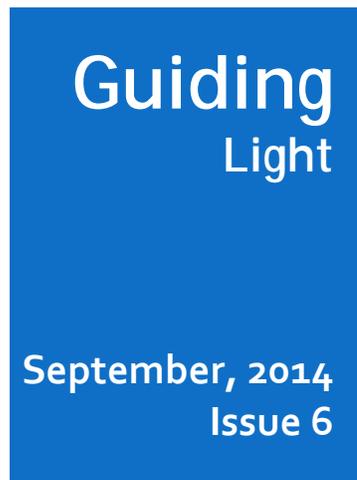


*Greenville Chapter No. 135 and Council No. 77 stated meeting on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.*



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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