

# GRAND LIGHT

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## BIENNIAL SESSION 2017

THE ROUGH & SMOOTH ASHLAR

*“The rules of Masonry in hand to take,  
and daily progress therein make.”*

*A. & A. S. R., S. J., U. S. A.*

**GREENEVILLE LODGE NO. 3  
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# Guiding Light

September  
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JOHN WALTER SAYNE - WORSHIPFUL MASTER

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## The Worshipful Master's Address

**F**all is quickly approaching. I can already sense a change in weather. I have even noticed some of the leaves starting to turn. As I sit at my desk writing to you, I cannot help but contemplate what changes we need to make in our Masonic fraternity.

What do we hope to accomplish with our time together and how can we encourage more participation from our membership? These are the topics that we should be discussing at our meetings instead of spending all our time on housekeeping, reading the minutes and keeping track of our finances. We should desire more.

For myself, coming to Lodge is an opportunity to unplug from the world. The moment that I walk into our Temple, the stress and worry of daily life vanishes. I can simply be in the moment with friends and Brothers.

As Master, I have tried to provide opportunity for us to simply spend time together. I must thank my officers for helping to make these moments possible. It is those moments that should define what it means to attend Lodge.

This month, Greeneville Commandery will welcome the Tennessee Grand Commandery Officers at our annual Inspection. If you are a member of our Commandery, I hope that you will make every effort to attend our Inspection.

If you are a member of Greeneville Chapter and Council, please note that we will return from going dark and have our stated meeting this month.

Fraternally,

John Walter Sayne  
Worshipful Master



# Rough and Smooth Ashlar

by John Sayne

This year, I was selected by the Knoxville Scottish Rite Valley as one of the Sovereign Grand Commander's Fellows. The Grand Commander's Fellows is a program for young Masons who show leadership potential. The program provides opportunity to speak with Brothers from across the Nation and share our ideas about ways to improve the Scottish Rite and Masonry in general.

Through that program, I was invited to attend the Biennial Session for the Supreme Council. The Grand Commander's theme for the Session was the rough and smooth ashlar. Stones taken from the foundation of the House of the Temple through the Rebuilding the Temple campaign were used to create small replicas of the rough and smooth ashlar.

Each day we should strive to be a smooth fitting stone, but we are not perfect. Through life's journey, we have had moments where we lost our temper, had those times where maybe we could have done a little more, or had a bad day and did not present ourselves in the best light. These moments chip away at our stone leaving us with rough edges.

All is not lost. We must have faith in God, hope in the path that we are taking is leading us to progress, and perform the act of charity by improving the lives of others. We can smooth out those rough edges. We can once again make ourselves suitable for that spiritual building.

The rough and smooth ashlar is a symbol of time. The young Mason is rough, for he has yet to fully understand or master his craft. The experienced Mason is smooth, for he has spent many years in the quarries shaping and smoothing his stone. Ultimately, the rough and smooth ashlar is a lesson that our pursuit of light is never complete.



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*Rough & Smooth ashlar made from stones of the House of the Temple.*

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Greenville Commandery No. 43



HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

\$3,248.38

Funds Raised

\$4,200.00

Funds Needed

LODGE OF SORROW  
2017

- Charles Henry Worley

## Greenville York Rite



**Chapter / Council returns in September!!!**



*Commandery Inspection on Friday, September 8, 2017  
(Eat at 6 p.m. meeting at 7 p.m.)*

## Commandery Inspection

**G**reenville Commandery No. 43 will hold their annual Inspection on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a meal served at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. All Knights are encouraged to attend. All officers and those working in the Order of the Temple will be in full uniform to attend. If you are a member of Greenville Commandery, please make every effort to attend this most important event.



## Announcements

~ Greenville Lodge Stated Meeting –  
September 5th @ 7:30 p.m.

~ Greenville Commandery Inspection –  
September 8th @ 7:00 p.m.

~ Chapter / Council Stated Meeting –  
September 11th @ 7:00 p.m.

~ Eastern Star Stated Meeting –  
September 14th @ 7:30 p.m.

~ Greene County Scottish Rite Club –  
September 21st @ 6:30 p.m.

~ Commandery Stated Meeting –  
September 25th @ 7:00 p.m.



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*Greenville Lodge No. 3 F. & A. M. now has a Facebook page.  
Follow us on Facebook to get updates on events taking place  
at the Lodge.*

*[https://www.facebook.com/groups/1014991715301621/?ref=br\\_rs](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1014991715301621/?ref=br_rs)*

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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.

John Sayne (Editor)

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