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Event scheduled honoring history, contributions of Solomon Lodge No. 271

Recent visitors to the Greene County Historic Courthouse have likely noticed a building replica featured in the rotunda. This display, which is on loan from Solomon Lodge No. 271, is of the second Greene County Courthouse that was located on the Springfield square. The replica will be available for viewing until the end of July.

Solomon Lodge No. 271 is a Masonic body belonging to the fraternity of freemasonry and many of the founding fathers of our area were members of the Solomon Lodge. The group was first chartered in Springfield in 1868 by the Grand Lodge of Missouri and the organization's first home was located on the third floor of the Greene County Courthouse building on the square. Members moved to a new location – the current home of the Hotel Vandivort on East Walnut Street – in 1906. Their currently location is at 1930 W. Catalpa.

A special event is scheduled for 3 p.m., Monday, June 24 in the Greene County Historic Courthouse rotunda to formally receive the replica for temporary display in the Greene County Historic Courthouse and to honor the 150th anniversary of the Solomon Lodge.

The Greene County Commission will present a proclamation and members of the Grand Lodge of Missouri will travel from Columbia to take part in this special occasion. Members of the media and the public are invited to attend.

“The Greene County Commission extends our thanks to Solomon Lodge No. 271 for generously loaning us their replica to display at our current courthouse,” said Presiding Bob Dixon. “It is our honor to recognize the many contributions of Solomon Lodge and the history it has made in Greene County.”

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Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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