

## *Findings From the East*

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Greetings Brethren:

I hope that everyone enjoyed the first copy of this newsletter. As I stated earlier, I hope to keep each of you up-to-date on events at the lodge this year.

As many of you may know, the lodge experienced some water damage in early January resulting from a frozen pipe. The repair process is well underway and should be completed by late February. I believe that you will be pleased with the repairs to the lodge when the work is completed.

I would like to thank everyone for their presence at our officer installation in December. The number of members and visitors in attendance was great and certainly speaks well of Freemasonry and Oak Bowery Lodge. I am very grateful for the support that you have shown to me and each of the officers of our lodge.

Each year Oak Bowery Lodge accepts applications for the Raymond Holt Scholarship. High school seniors who plan to further their education can be considered for the scholarship. Students currently in college may also apply. Those wishing to apply should present a letter to the lodge stating their name, their accomplishments in high school, and their educational plans for the future. Scholarship applications can be given to one of the lodge members for consideration by the scholarship committee. Children and grandchildren of Oak Bowery members will be given first consideration. The deadline for applications is March 15, 2008.

Again I would like to recognize our members and visitors who celebrate their lodge birthday in March and April. Due to the construction on the lodge, the brethren that were to be recognized at our meeting on February 5 will be recognized at the February 15, 2008 meeting. These brethren are:

Bobby Abercrombie	Kenny Wiggins	Gary Burgess
Alan Cain	Scott Chastain	Bennie Rollins
John Daniel	William Evans	Richard Gaddis
George Peters	Maynard Griggs	Shawn Hefner
Tim McArthur	Jimmy Nealey	Edgar Parks
John Roberts	Joseph Smith	

The brethren that we will recognize on March 4, 2008 are:

Eugene Anderson	Roy Wright	Rufus Clark
Brent Defoor	Grady Gibson	Ron Hefner
Howard Holt	Billy Masters	Rodney McClure
Glenn Morrow	Charles Mulkey	Brian Nealey
Eldridge Quarles	Michael Bramlett	

The brethren to be recognized on April 1, 2008 are:

Lloyd Cain	Edward Casey	Claude Chastain
Ronnie Wright	Doug Harrison	Vernon Holt
Gene James	Claude Mayfield	Charles Lovingood
James McClure	John Vernet	Morris Parks
Ike Reece	Warren Swem	

Please don't wait until your time to be recognized to attend lodge; we need your attendance now.

Brethren, please do not forget that your dues are due! This is money that the lodge needs to operate and these dues will help ensure that your membership at Oak Bowery remains in good standing. The Grand Lodge of Georgia now offers a perpetual membership program. After a person becomes a perpetual member of their lodge, that individual is no longer required to pay any dues. Oak Bowery now has several perpetual members. It can be a great investment for anyone, especially a younger member. Please see the secretary as soon as possible to pay your dues and find out more about a perpetual membership!

The annual school of instruction for our sub-district is coming up soon! This year the school will be held at Mineral Bluff Lodge on each Wednesday night in March beginning at 7:30 pm. This is great opportunity to meet members of surrounding lodges and for our members and officers to find out more about the uniform work for opening, closing, and each degree.

Please hang this letter on your refrigerator. The next issue of this newsletter will be mailed in mid-April.

Farewell my brother, farewell.

John Morrow, W.M.