

Tidings From the East

Greetings Brethren:

I hope that each of you are doing well and enjoying this warm, spring weather.

Our Sweetheart Dinner, which was held on April 11, was a very enjoyable event. Over thirty people attended the dinner. Following the meal, each brother introduced his wife and then enjoyed an interesting speech by Past Grand Master Dr. Gary Lemmons.

Congratulations to the recipients of the Raymond Holt/Oak Bowery Lodge Scholarship! They are Justin Banks, Corey Cantrell, and Jason Reece. These scholarships will be presented on Sunday, April 27 at 3:00 pm. This will be an open meeting, so please make plans to bring your family and friends with you. Past Grand Master Joe Suttles will be our guest speaker that afternoon.

This year's fundraiser will be a Charity Motorcycle Ride on Saturday, May 17 (rain date is May 31). All participants should plan to sign in at the lodge beginning at 10:00 am. The ride will leave at 11:00 am. We will ride approximately 45 miles to Blairsville, GA where a cookout will follow. The cost of the ride is \$25 per motorcycle and \$10 per rider. The ride is open to masons and non-masons, so please invite everyone you know who rides a motorcycle to join us on May 17. If you will be unable to participate but would like to contribute to the ride, please make your checks payable to Oak Bowery Lodge and send them to the mailing address listed at the end of this letter. Please indicate on your check that the donation is for the fundraiser.

On the third Friday in June, June 20, the lodge will be having a Family and Friends Night. Past Grand Master Tommy Irvin will be visiting us. This will be an open meeting. Please invite your family and friends. We will begin at 6:30 pm with a covered dish dinner.

We will be recognizing those who were raised in the months of May and June during our upcoming meetings. Those to be recognized on May 6 are:

Mack Aaron
Robert Fisler
Jerry Patillo
Don Reil

Eddie Crump
Richard Morse
Karl Payne
Sam Underhill

Wayne Fielder
Paul Nealey
Estes Reece
William Stallings

Those we plan to recognize on June 3 are:

Brian Byrd
Robert Gaddis
William Kilgore
Stacy Nicholson
Tony Stahl

Harold Callahan
Jerry Goble
Ronald Knight
Charles Seiler
Leroy Stenberg

Harold Crump
Mack Wood
Doug Morrow
Terry Smith
James Weaver

Many thanks go out to those of you who have already paid your dues. To each of you who have not paid your dues, they are overdue. Take a minute and notice the expiration date on your dues card. Our dues are due each January. Do not wait for some brother to have to contact you and plead for your dues. Pay your dues now!

As many of you may have noticed, a photograph of our lodge officers was featured in the most recent edition of the Masonic Messenger. Congratulations to these officers!

Brethren, we need your participation in all of our lodge functions. Please remember each of the upcoming events.

Farewell my brother, farewell.

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