

Sandy Springs Lodge #124

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Dues Increase Approved

At the communication of September 14, 2004 a motion was made by WB Bill Kayma that we increase the base amount of our annual dues from its present \$35 to \$60. The motion was seconded and after a brief discussion, the question was put to the members in attendance. The motion carried, and effective with the new year 2005, the dues will be \$60 plus the amount of the Grand Lodge assessment.

As previously explained, the Grand Lodge assessment is now \$16.50 per member. It may remain the same or it may increase, depending on the outcome of the voting on several bills which will be presented at the annual convention.

Since a close study of the by-laws indicates that there are several statements and phrases that are either obsolete or should never have been included at all, I am appointing a committee to make recommendations



to bring the by-laws up-to-date, so that we can move forward with a more meaningful set of by-laws.

The photo above was taken at the Fifth Masonic District Convention held on September 11, 2004 at College Park Lodge #454. On the left is WM John Keown, who is holding the Lodge Memory Book for the past year. Next is WB Floyd King and on the right is WB Bill Kayma, who is Junior Deacon of the Fifth District Convention.

Visit by Fifth District Officers and DDGM Robert Young

At our next regular communication, coming up on September 28, we will host the officers of the Fifth Masonic District Convention. Several of the District Directors to the Grand Master are expected to visit with us on this occasion, including WB J. Aubrey Lewis of Hapeville Lodge #590 who was just elected District Master and our own DDGM WB Robert Young. Brother Young will be making an official visit as a representative of the Grand Lodge of Georgia.

They will present us with the trophy showing Sandy Springs Lodge #124 as the Lodge of the Year for the Fifth District. This is a traveling trophy, remaining at the Lodge for a period of one year, after which it will go to next year's winner.

Entered-Apprentice Degree—We plan to confer the Entered-Apprentice Degree at the regular communication of Sept. 28. This will be a dinner meeting as usual for the 4th Tuesday. We are looking forward to another great meal prepared by WB Tommy Meeks, hopefully with some help from others.

The **Sandy Springs Festival** took place last week-end. The weather was great and SS Lodge manned gate #1 as usual. WB **Floyd King** is to be commended for doing an outstanding job in organizing the volunteers for the various shifts. Space limitations prevent mentioning all the names here, but we will read the names and recognize the workers at the next meeting. We manned three shifts on Saturday and two on Sunday for a total of 15 hours, (and 73 man-hours) with 5 Masons helping out on each shift except two. There was some overlapping of work effort, especially by WB Rusty Rice, WB Tommy Meeks, WB Bill Kayma and Tommy Reddin.