

Sandy Springs Lodge #124

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Proposal to Increase Dues

As most everyone knows, a letter has been mailed to all members explaining the reason for the need to change the dues of Sandy Springs Lodge. At the last regular communication, a recommendation was made that we increase the base amount of our annual dues from its present \$35 to \$60. Also, if the dues change, it will necessitate a change in the by-laws. This change will simply state the amount of the dues increase. Nothing else in the by-laws will be changed at this time.



However, 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. We will appoint 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 minutes.

The photo at left of WB Bill Kayma, who presented the recommendation, was taken yesterday at the 5th District Convention.

Fifth Masonic District Convention

The 100th Annual Convention of the 5th District was held on September 11, 2004 at College Park Lodge #454. The meeting was under the direction of Robert L. Sharp, District Master.

At the communication WB J. Aubrey Lewis of Hapeville Lodge #590 was elected District Master for the coming year. Our WB Bill Kayma was elected Junior Deacon. Our WB Ben Johnson continues as Masonic Home Trustee. A highlight of the meeting for Sandy Springs was winning recognition as the Outstanding Lodge of the Year for the 5th District. John Keown is pictured at right as he received the award from J. Aubrey Lewis.

A plaque will be presented to our Lodge later; the large trophy is ours to keep during the year. Our Lodge recognition will be engraved on the large trophy for presentation to us possibly at the communication of September 28.

The photo at right shows WBs Floyd King, Ben Johnson, John Keown, J. Aubrey Lewis, Bill Kayma and Tommy Meeks. Five members from Sandy Springs Lodge, as shown here, attended the convention.



Fellowcraft Degree—We plan to confer the Fellowcraft Degree at the regular communication of Sept. 28. This will be a dinner meeting as usual for the 4th Tuesday.

Also keep in mind the **Sandy Springs Festival**. WB Floyd King is still signing up volunteers for Saturday and Sunday, September 18 and 19, but time is running short. Call him at **770-396-6638** or email him at **floydmking@mindspring.com**. Floyd is also selling Kroger gift certificates, and we appreciate all of his volunteer efforts.